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2	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2	Feinstein, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, counsel	
3	Exhibit 2	3	for defendant Highland Capital Management, LP.	
4	Exhibit 3	.....	4	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The court reporter	
5	Exhibit 9	.....	5	today is Micheal Johnson also representing	
6	Exhibit 19	.....	6	PlanetDepos. If the court reporter would please	
7	Exhibit 26	.....	7	swear in the witness.	
8	Exhibit 28	.....	8	JEAN PAUL SEVILLA,	
9	Exhibit 38	.....	9	called as a witness, having been duly sworn by a	
10			10	Notary Public, was examined and testified as	
11			11	follows:	
12			12	EXAMINATION	
13			13	BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:	
14			14	Q Good morning, Mr. Sevilla.	
15			15	A Good morning.	
16			16	Q Have you ever been deposed before?	
17			17	A I have.	
18			18	Q Okay. So we will skip a lot of the ground	
19			19	rules and we'll get right into it. I will just	
20			20	ask that if you do not answer -- if you don't	
21			21	understand my question, please ask me to clarify.	
22			22	Otherwise, I'm going to assume that you do	
23			23	understand my question. Is that fair?	
24			24	A Yes.	
25			25	Q Okay. And you understand that you're	
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1	PROCEEDINGS		1	testifying today here under oath?	
2	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins disk No. 1		2	A Yes.	
3	in the videotaped deposition of Jean Paul Sevilla.		3	Q How many times have you been deposed?	
4	This is regarding the Highland Capital Management,		4	A Three or four.	
5	LP. This is in the matter of UBS Securities LLC		5	Q And generally speaking, what types of	
6	and UBS AG London Branch versus Highland Capital		6	matters?	
7	Management, LP in the United States Bankruptcy		7	A Both commercial litigation. One -- both	
8	Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas		8	commercial litigation cases.	
9	Division, filed as Case No. 19-34054-SGJ11.		9	Q Okay. Are you an attorney?	
10	Today's date is Wednesday, July 21st,		10	A Yes.	
11	2021. Our time on the video monitor is 9:40 a.m.		11	Q What type of law do you practice?	
12	Videographer today is Brian Krieger representing		12	A Corporate, transactional for the most	
13	PlanetDepos. This video deposition is taking		13	part.	
14	place at Butler Snow, 2911 Turtle Creek Boulevard,		14	Q Where are you barred?	
15	Suite 1400 in Dallas, Texas.		15	A New York, Texas and California.	
16	Would counsel please voice identify		16	Q Where did you obtain your law degree?	
17	themselves and whom they represent.		17	A University of North Carolina at Chapel	
18	MS. SMITH: Frances Smith with Ross &		18	Hill.	
19	Smith on behalf of JP Sevilla.		19	Q And when did you get your JD?	
20	MS. DANDENEAU: Debra Dandeneau from the		20	A 2007.	
21	firm of Baker McKenzie here on behalf of Jean Paul		21	Q Do you have any other professional	
22	Sevilla.		22	licenses?	
23	MS. TOMKOWIAK: Sarah Tomkowiak and		23	A I don't believe so.	
24	Shannon McLaughlin on behalf of -- of Latham &		24	Q And you have a bachelor's degree, correct?	
25	Watkins on behalf of UBS.		25	A Yes.	

<p>13</p> <p>1 Q From the United States Naval Academy?</p> <p>2 A Correct.</p> <p>3 Q Did you serve in the Navy?</p> <p>4 A Yes.</p> <p>5 Q Approximately when did your service end?</p> <p>6 A 2006.</p> <p>7 Q Were you honorably discharged?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q Where are you currently employed?</p> <p>10 A Skyview Group.</p> <p>11 Q What does Skyview Group do?</p> <p>12 A Skyview Group is a -- effectively a</p> <p>13 consultancy, but a back and middle office services</p> <p>14 provider to financial services firms, banks -- and</p> <p>15 banks in the financial services industry.</p> <p>16 Q What does it mean to provide back and</p> <p>17 middle services?</p> <p>18 A So Skyview provides accounting support,</p> <p>19 recruiting, HR, IT. I'm sure I'm forgetting some,</p> <p>20 but generally that sort of back and middle office</p> <p>21 functionality that you would find at a financial</p> <p>22 services firm.</p> <p>23 Q When did you start at Skyview?</p> <p>24 A March 1st of this year.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. And what's your title?</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1 said it was a relatively new company, I think.</p> <p>2 A Early this year. I don't know exactly</p> <p>3 when.</p> <p>4 Q Do you know who owns Skyview?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q Who?</p> <p>7 A Scott Ellington.</p> <p>8 Q Anyone else?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Do you work with anybody at Skyview who</p> <p>11 also used to work at Highland Capital Management?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q And who is that?</p> <p>14 A It's a long list.</p> <p>15 Q Go for it.</p> <p>16 A Just start hitting names?</p> <p>17 Q Yeah.</p> <p>18 A Brian Collins, Frank Waterhouse, Will</p> <p>19 Mabry, Matt DiOrio, Stephanie Vitiello, Isaac</p> <p>20 Leventon, Brad McKay. The employee count is north</p> <p>21 of 30 and most of those -- most, if not all, were</p> <p>22 ex-Highland employees, so it's a substantial</p> <p>23 percentage of my coworkers are ex-Highland people.</p> <p>24 Q Were they all recruited by Mr. Ellington?</p> <p>25 A I wouldn't characterize it that way.</p>
<p>14</p> <p>1 A Managing director.</p> <p>2 Q Who hired you at Skyview?</p> <p>3 A I don't know if it was an individual</p> <p>4 per se. Mr. Ellington owns Skyview, so I would</p> <p>5 say it's his decision to employ me ultimately.</p> <p>6 Q And by Mr. Ellington, you're referring to</p> <p>7 Scott Ellington?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q As managing director, what are your duties</p> <p>10 and responsibilities, generally speaking?</p> <p>11 A Fairly varied at this point. I support</p> <p>12 our clients' private equity investments, I work on</p> <p>13 internal Skyview matters as the business is being</p> <p>14 sort of built up. It's a fairly new enterprise.</p> <p>15 And then tasks that can come from our clients,</p> <p>16 ranging from, you know, questions related to</p> <p>17 potentially compliance questions or things of that</p> <p>18 ilk.</p> <p>19 Q Are you in the legal department?</p> <p>20 A I guess technically. Yeah. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q Who do you report to?</p> <p>22 A Mr. Ellington.</p> <p>23 Q And what's his title?</p> <p>24 A President, I believe.</p> <p>25 Q Do you know when Skyview was formed? You</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1 Q How would you characterize it? Were they</p> <p>2 all hired by him?</p> <p>3 A They were hired by Skyview, so by</p> <p>4 extension, if you want to say it that way, I guess</p> <p>5 that's fair.</p> <p>6 Q Does Ms. Katie Lucas work there?</p> <p>7 A Yes. She is on leave, though. She has</p> <p>8 not worked on anything, as far as I know, though.</p> <p>9 Does she work there? I think she's technically an</p> <p>10 employee, but she's not actively doing stuff, as</p> <p>11 far as I know.</p> <p>12 Q I appreciate the clarification. Is</p> <p>13 Mr. Dondero affiliated at all with Skyview?</p> <p>14 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>15 A What do you mean by affiliated?</p> <p>16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>17 Q In the broadest sense possible. Does he</p> <p>18 own it? Does he work there? Does he have any</p> <p>19 connection to Skyview?</p> <p>20 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>21 A He doesn't own it. He doesn't work there.</p> <p>22 I think he's in control of entities that are</p> <p>23 Skyview clients, currently.</p> <p>24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>25 Q What do you mean by control?</p>

<p>17</p> <p>1 A For example, he's the president of 2 NexPoint Advisors and NexPoint Advisors is a 3 client. 4 Q Let me put it this way. Does Mr. Dondero 5 have any financial interest in Skyview? 6 A He does not. 7 Q Who sets your salary? 8 A Mr. Ellington. 9 Q And is Skyview your only source of income 10 currently? 11 A Yes. No, it is not. 12 Q What other source of income do you have? 13 A Well, actually it is. I'm on -- I still 14 serve on several portfolio company boards and I'm 15 correcting myself because those board fees are 16 going back to the funds that own the equity 17 interest, so my original answer stands. My only 18 source of income is Skyview. 19 Q Okay. And how much do you make? 20 A There's a deferred component. My base is 21 275,000 and my annual bonus thus far for this 22 year, I believe I've been paid 350,000. 23 Q Who decides whether and how much you get 24 for a bonus? 25 A It's a new company, so I'm not sure going</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1 A Sure. I was hired into the legal group. 2 My title was corporate counsel. I reported to 3 Thomas Surgent. And you asked for the 4 progression; is that right? 5 Q Yes. And I'm happy if you'd like to step 6 through it myself, but if you -- 7 A Yeah, yeah. About a year in, my duties 8 expanded and so my title was changed to assistant 9 general counsel from corporate counsel. That 10 would have been in 2013. 11 Q Did you still report to Mr. Surgent at 12 that time? 13 A Yes. Assistant general counsel was a 14 title that I would then have until the end of my 15 time at Highland. But I would say in 2018, in 16 addition to my duties in the legal group and sort 17 of consistent with my duties within the legal 18 group, portions of the private equity business 19 were transferred to legal, but I started working 20 more on the portfolio companies within the private 21 equity business, culminating in, I guess the 22 beginning of 2020, where my title changed to 23 cohead of private equity and assistant general 24 counsel all within the legal group. 25 Q Did you report to Thomas Surgent for that</p>
<p>18</p> <p>1 forward, but I would say the president of the 2 company decided. 3 Q That's Mr. Ellington? 4 A Yes. 5 Q And how does that salary compare to your 6 salary at Highland Capital Management? If I say 7 HCM, is that -- 8 A Sure. 9 Q How is your salary compared to your salary 10 at HCM? 11 A Consistent with what I was paid at HCM. 12 Q So let's turn to HCM. During what period 13 of time were you employed by HCM? 14 A From 2012 through 2021. 15 Q How did you come to start working for HCM? 16 A Can you be a little more specific? 17 Q Sure. Did you apply? Did someone reach 18 out to you? How did you get that job? 19 A It was through a headhunter. 20 Q Through a headhunter? 21 A Yes. 22 Q Can you -- nine years is a long period of 23 time, so can you just walk me through your roles 24 at HCM from when you started through when you 25 left?</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1 entire period of time or did that ever change? 2 A I believe I reported to him for most of 3 the time. There may have been a period in maybe 4 2018 that I didn't. But at the end of my tenure, 5 I reported to him and certainly during the first 6 several years at Highland, I reported to him as 7 well. 8 Q Did you have any dotted line reporting 9 relationships? 10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 12 Q Do you know what I mean by dotted line? 13 A If you could tell me what you mean by it. 14 Q Sure. Like on a corporate org chart, 15 sometimes you have a direct report but then you 16 also have like somebody you indirectly report to. 17 Is there anybody like that? 18 A I don't remember there being a dotted line 19 as it relates to me. But practically speaking, I 20 would work with Mr. Ellington directly, 21 irrespective of whether I was Mr. Surgent's direct 22 report, as well as Mr. Dondero from time to time. 23 Q Did anyone report to you? 24 A At different times in -- at Highland, yes. 25 Q And to the best of your recollection, who</p>

<p>21</p> <p>1 reported to you?</p> <p>2 A Cameron Baynard, Sean Fox. I think those</p> <p>3 would have been my only direct reports.</p> <p>4 Q And generally speaking, what were your</p> <p>5 duties as associate general counsel?</p> <p>6 A Assistant general counsel.</p> <p>7 Q I'm sorry, assistant general counsel. I</p> <p>8 apologize.</p> <p>9 A It's okay. Generally anything in the</p> <p>10 legal group that required assistance. It could be</p> <p>11 corporate matters relating to fund -- fund</p> <p>12 documents or launching new funds, it could have</p> <p>13 been managing some litigation, but kind of a wide</p> <p>14 range of sort of a mishmash of both kind of legal</p> <p>15 and sometimes nonlegal workflows and tasks.</p> <p>16 Q When did you leave HCM?</p> <p>17 A I believe my last day was February 28th of</p> <p>18 2021.</p> <p>19 Q Why did you leave?</p> <p>20 A I was terminated.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. Who terminated you?</p> <p>22 A Mr. Seery.</p> <p>23 Q While you were employed, you mentioned</p> <p>24 working with portfolio companies. Did you work</p> <p>25 with specific Highland funds?</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1 Q And when I say Highland, I mean HCM.</p> <p>2 A Yes. Understood.</p> <p>3 Q So you didn't divide up your time spent</p> <p>4 working for different Highland entities or funds?</p> <p>5 A What do you mean by that?</p> <p>6 Q And that was vague. You didn't, like,</p> <p>7 write down your time or somehow submit an invoice</p> <p>8 or something like that?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Were you paid by HCM on an hourly</p> <p>11 basis or just a salary arrangement?</p> <p>12 A Salaried.</p> <p>13 Q And you said it was relatively consistent</p> <p>14 with the -- your salary at Skyview?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q And you also had an opportunity to receive</p> <p>17 a bonus?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Are you familiar with an entity called</p> <p>20 CPCM LLC?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q What is that?</p> <p>23 A That is an entity that is a wholly owned</p> <p>24 subsidiary of Skyview. Skyview's legal name is</p> <p>25 Highgate Consulting Group, Inc. It uses a dba in</p>
<p>22</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q Okay.</p> <p>3 A Sorry, what do you mean -- work with</p> <p>4 specific Highland funds, what do you mean by that?</p> <p>5 Q Like would you have done, just picking a</p> <p>6 fund, CDO Opportunity Master Fund, would you have</p> <p>7 done work specifically for that fund or would you</p> <p>8 say that your work was undertaken on behalf of</p> <p>9 HCM, as opposed to any particular fund?</p> <p>10 A I mean, my work was -- I mean, HCM was my</p> <p>11 employer. HCM is in the business of managing</p> <p>12 funds, among other things, so I don't necessarily</p> <p>13 distinguish between the two. But you mentioned</p> <p>14 portfolio companies, you know, to the extent a</p> <p>15 fund had an interest, an equity interest or some</p> <p>16 other interest in a portfolio company, my work for</p> <p>17 that portfolio company would have been in</p> <p>18 connection with managing -- Highland managing that</p> <p>19 fund.</p> <p>20 Q Who paid you at Highland? Was it just</p> <p>21 Highland?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. So you weren't paid by any entity</p> <p>24 other than Highland?</p> <p>25 A No.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1 Texas, but that is an entity owned by Skyview that</p> <p>2 essentially houses Skyview employee claims,</p> <p>3 compensation claims.</p> <p>4 Q So just so I understand. So Skyview's</p> <p>5 legal name is Highgate Consulting Group; is that</p> <p>6 right?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q And it does business as Skyview in Texas?</p> <p>9 A Correct.</p> <p>10 Q And CPCM is a wholly owned subsidiary of</p> <p>11 Highgate?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q You submitted a claim in the underlying</p> <p>14 bankruptcy case in this matter; is that right?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q And you've since transferred that claim to</p> <p>17 CPCM?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Okay.</p> <p>20 (Deposition Exhibit 46 marked for</p> <p>21 identification.)</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q I'm going to hand you what has been</p> <p>24 previously marked as Exhibit 46. To be clear,</p> <p>25 what we have just marked as Exhibit 46, it has not</p>

<p>25</p> <p>1 been an exhibit in this case to date.</p> <p>2 MS. SMITH: Sarah, I'm going to object on</p> <p>3 this. What is the relevance of this to the motion</p> <p>4 for a temporary retraining order and preliminary</p> <p>5 injunction?</p> <p>6 MS. TOMKOWIAK: I just want to understand</p> <p>7 this particular witness's financial stake in this</p> <p>8 matter. I'll be super brief. It will just be</p> <p>9 five minutes. I just want to clarify --</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: I just want to note my</p> <p>11 objection on the record. Okay.</p> <p>12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>13 Q Mr. Sevilla, do you recognize this</p> <p>14 document?</p> <p>15 A I do.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. And this is the document</p> <p>17 transferring your claim to CPCM on March 22nd,</p> <p>18 2021?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q And that's your signature on the second</p> <p>21 page?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. Did you approach CPCM or did it</p> <p>24 approach you?</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: Objection, relevance.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1 A I believe they were one and the same.</p> <p>2 They changed it from HCMLP to Highland Capital at</p> <p>3 some point, but to me they're synonymous.</p> <p>4 Q Any others?</p> <p>5 A Those are the only Highland e-mail</p> <p>6 addresses I had.</p> <p>7 Q Did you ever use your personal e-mail</p> <p>8 address in connection with your work for HCM?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q After you were terminated in</p> <p>11 February 2021, did you have a chance to clean out</p> <p>12 your office?</p> <p>13 A After I was terminated?</p> <p>14 Q Uh-huh.</p> <p>15 A Not after. It was before.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. So you --</p> <p>17 A I didn't have an office. I had a desk.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. But you did have a chance to clean</p> <p>19 out your desk?</p> <p>20 A I did.</p> <p>21 Q So any files that you had on your desk</p> <p>22 were left at HCM?</p> <p>23 A To the -- not every file.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. That's a better question. Did you</p> <p>25 take any files with you?</p>
<p>26</p> <p>1 A I don't think either side approached the</p> <p>2 other. Transferring my compensation claim to this</p> <p>3 entity was an expectation of my employer.</p> <p>4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>5 Q I see. So that's why you sold your claim</p> <p>6 to CPCM?</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: Objection, relevance.</p> <p>8 A I wouldn't characterize it as sold. I</p> <p>9 assigned it.</p> <p>10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>11 Q Based on your testimony, it's fair to say</p> <p>12 you assigned it as a condition of your employment?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q Okay. You can set that aside.</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: What was the exhibit number on</p> <p>18 that?</p> <p>19 MS. TOMKOWIAK: 46.</p> <p>20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>21 Q While you were at HCM, what e-mail address</p> <p>22 did you use?</p> <p>23 A jsevilla@hcmlp.com was my Highland e-mail.</p> <p>24 Q Did you ever use</p> <p>25 jsevilla@highlandcapital.com?</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1 A I took some files with me, yes.</p> <p>2 Q What did you take with you?</p> <p>3 A Information relating to portfolio</p> <p>4 companies that I was still on the board on --</p> <p>5 board of. To the extent I had any personal</p> <p>6 effects or personal files, data, you know, in my</p> <p>7 files, or information or -- information related to</p> <p>8 NexPoint or HCMFA, which were shared services</p> <p>9 recipients that I was still going to be working</p> <p>10 on. I would say that's the -- that's the</p> <p>11 universe.</p> <p>12 Q What companies do you still sit on the</p> <p>13 board of?</p> <p>14 A CCS Medical, TerreStar, Lake Las Vegas. I</p> <p>15 believe that's it.</p> <p>16 Q And are all of those still affiliated with</p> <p>17 HCM?</p> <p>18 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>21 Q No?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q Were they ever?</p> <p>24 A What do you mean by affiliated?</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: Objection.</p>

<p>29</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Well, again, were they owned directly or 3 indirectly? Were they a portfolio company of a 4 Highland fund? Were they -- 5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 6 A CCS -- 7 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Sorry, just let me finish 8 my question -- and I know I paused there -- before 9 you object. 10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 11 Q Go ahead. 12 A CCS is owned, Highland's funds don't own 13 an interest in CCS, as do NexPoint and HCMFA fund. 14 TeraStar, Highland has no fund interest in 15 TerreStar. However, Highland did provide shared 16 services at times, such that Highland would have 17 had touchpoints to TerreStar, but those are no 18 longer. And similarly with Lake Las Vegas, it's 19 NexPoint and HCMFA funds that own the interest in 20 that portfolio company. No Highland funds do. 21 But Highland's touchpoint would have been 22 providing shared services to those other advisors 23 in connection with that investment. 24 Q So when I've used the word affiliated, you 25 don't understand providing shared services to be</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1 Q Since you left HCM. 2 A Yes. 3 Q About what, generally speaking? 4 A Signing new business at Skyview, so 5 Skyview's financial performance and prospects. 6 Internal Skyview policies as they were being 7 determined just because Skyview is in the nature 8 of a start-up at this point. Updates as to what 9 I'm working on with respect to the aforementioned 10 portfolio companies and retail funds. I think 11 that would be a comprehensive universe. 12 Q Have you had any communications with 13 Mr. Ellington about this matter? 14 A No. 15 Q Same question for Isaac Leventon. Have 16 you had any communications with him since you left 17 Highland? 18 A Yes. 19 Q And generally speaking, were the nature of 20 those communications also related to your work at 21 Skyview? 22 A Yes. 23 Q Have you had any communications with him 24 about this matter? 25 A No.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>1 an affiliation; is that right? 2 A I do now, if we'd like to use -- I was -- 3 Q I'm trying to understand how you use the 4 word. 5 A I was thinking like under common control 6 or something like that, but if -- I mean, that's a 7 much broader, I think, way to describe it. 8 Q Okay. And I did it too so let's try not 9 to talk over each other. That was also my fault. 10 Okay. Since leaving HCM, have you had any 11 communications with Mr. Dondero? 12 A Yes. 13 Q Generally what was the nature of those 14 communications? 15 A Financial performance and prospects of 16 portfolio companies, financial performance of 17 funds advised by NexPoint and HCMFA, potential 18 initiatives regarding those funds. I think that 19 would be -- that's pretty comprehensive. 20 Q Have you had any communications with 21 Mr. Dondero about this matter? 22 A No. 23 Q What about Mr. Ellington? Have you had 24 any communications with him? 25 A About what?</p>	<p>32</p> <p>1 Q What about Matt DiOrio? Have you had any 2 communications with him since you left Highland? 3 A Yes. 4 Q And have those communications also related 5 to your work at Skyview? 6 A Yes. 7 Q And same question for Ms. Lucas. Have you 8 had any communications with her since you left 9 Highland? 10 A Yes. 11 Q Okay. And have those communications also 12 been about your work at Skyview? 13 A No. 14 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 15 A No. 16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 17 Q What were those communications about? 18 A Inquiring about her newborns. Personal 19 pleasantries. 20 Q Have you had any communications with her 21 about this matter? 22 A No. 23 Q Do you have a -- outside of your 24 professional relationship with the individuals 25 that I just mentioned, do you have a personal</p>

<p>33</p> <p>1 relationship with any of them?</p> <p>2 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>3 A I would say so.</p> <p>4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>5 Q Which ones?</p> <p>6 A Mr. DiOrio, Mr. Leventon, to some degree</p> <p>7 Mr. Ellington, but I mean, I would say in the</p> <p>8 nature of colleagues who inquire about each</p> <p>9 other's personal lives.</p> <p>10 Q Since leaving Highland, have you had any</p> <p>11 communications with any current employees of</p> <p>12 Highland?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q Who?</p> <p>17 A I sit on the board of CCS Medical with</p> <p>18 Cameron Baynard and Sean Fox. So in connection</p> <p>19 with board functionality, I would say we have</p> <p>20 communicated. I have communicated with Mr. Seery.</p> <p>21 I have communicated with Tim Cournoyer. I think</p> <p>22 that would be it.</p> <p>23 Q What were the nature of your</p> <p>24 communications with Mr. Seery?</p> <p>25 A Relating to a portfolio company called</p>	<p>35</p> <p>1 Highland should settle that litigation?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q What is your general understanding of that</p> <p>4 litigation?</p> <p>5 A It began in -- around the time of the</p> <p>6 economic crisis, 2008, 2009, related to a</p> <p>7 warehouse facility, or something like it. I mean,</p> <p>8 that's pretty much the extent of it.</p> <p>9 Q That's the extent of your knowledge, that</p> <p>10 it began around the time of the economic crisis</p> <p>11 related to a warehouse facility or something like</p> <p>12 that?</p> <p>13 A Yes. I mean, generally that's my</p> <p>14 understanding of what the adversity is about, a</p> <p>15 failed loan warehouse or some sort of warehouse</p> <p>16 facility that resulted in financial losses.</p> <p>17 Q Do you have any idea what the potential</p> <p>18 liability was that Highland faced in that matter?</p> <p>19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>20 A Only anecdotally from the Highland BK,</p> <p>21 having listened to certain things in the Highland</p> <p>22 bankruptcy.</p> <p>23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>24 Q So to the best of your recollection, you</p> <p>25 weren't aware of that at the time?</p>
<p>34</p> <p>1 Cornerstone Healthcare Group.</p> <p>2 Q And what were the nature of your</p> <p>3 communications with Mr. Cournoyer?</p> <p>4 A Cournoyer.</p> <p>5 Q Cournoyer.</p> <p>6 A Personal.</p> <p>7 Q I'm going to transition topics to the</p> <p>8 litigation between Highland and UBS in New York</p> <p>9 State court. Are you familiar with that</p> <p>10 litigation?</p> <p>11 A I've heard of it.</p> <p>12 Q You've heard of it?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. So what role, if any, did you play</p> <p>15 in managing that litigation for Highland?</p> <p>16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>17 A None.</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q None?</p> <p>20 A None.</p> <p>21 Q What role did you play, if any, in</p> <p>22 responding to discovery requests from UBS in that</p> <p>23 matter?</p> <p>24 A None.</p> <p>25 Q Did you play any role in analyzing whether</p>	<p>36</p> <p>1 A At which time? I'm sorry.</p> <p>2 Q During the time that you were employed at</p> <p>3 Highland.</p> <p>4 A Well, I --</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>6 A My last year of employment was during the</p> <p>7 pendency of the bankruptcy, so I would have</p> <p>8 learned more about the UBS lawsuit. But prior to</p> <p>9 that, I had no real knowledge or understanding</p> <p>10 about what it was about.</p> <p>11 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Can you mark that as 47.</p> <p>12 (Deposition Exhibit 47 marked for</p> <p>13 identification.)</p> <p>14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>15 Q Okay. I've handed you what we have marked</p> <p>16 as Exhibit 47. It's an e-mail from Isaac Leventon</p> <p>17 to you, dated April 19th, 2017, subject:</p> <p>18 UBS_Settlement_Structure_(9.pptx).</p> <p>19 Is that your Highland Capital e-mail</p> <p>20 address at the top?</p> <p>21 A It is.</p> <p>22 Q Do you have any reason to doubt that you</p> <p>23 received this e-mail on April 19th, 2017?</p> <p>24 A No.</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: I'm going to raise an</p>

<p>37</p> <p>1 objection here. To the extent this is going to 2 require Mr. Sevilla to divulge privileged 3 information, as he was counsel for -- in the 4 general counsel's office for Highland at the time, 5 I'm going to assume that the debtor will make the 6 privilege or make the privilege objections or say 7 that it's waived so that Mr. Sevilla can answer. 8 MR. FEINSTEIN: We will waive the 9 privilege. This is Robert Feinstein on behalf of 10 the debtor. To the extent it applies at all. 11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 12 Q Okay. So have you had a chance to look 13 through that attachment? Take your time, let me 14 know when you're ready. 15 (Witness reviews document.) 16 A Okay. I've looked at it. 17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 18 Q Do you recall receiving this UBS Highland 19 Settlement Analysis in April 2017? 20 A I don't. 21 Q No recollection at all? 22 A No. 23 Q If you take a look at this -- if you turn 24 to slide 1, the Bates number -- if I say that, do 25 you know what I'm talking about?</p>	<p>39</p> <p>1 Q Do you have any idea what was going on in 2 the UBS litigation in New York State court in 3 April of 2017? 4 A I don't think so, no. 5 Q Who at Highland had authority to settle a 6 litigation matter of the magnitude of the UBS 7 matter? 8 A I don't know. I assume Mr. Dondero would 9 have had to sign off, but I don't know what 10 authority had been granted at any given moment. 11 Q Okay. And similarly, you don't know 12 whether Mr. Ellington had that authority? 13 A I don't know. 14 Q Did you have that authority? 15 A No. 16 Q Okay. If you look at slide 2, Bates 17 ending in 53, if you see the -- halfway down, it 18 says, Or Highland Wins in bold underline. 19 Do you see that? 20 A Yes. 21 Q Okay. And then underneath it it says: 22 HFP is solvent. Reverses 2008's 257 million tax 23 write-off by HCMLP. 24 Do you know anything about that 25 257 million tax write-off?</p>
<p>38</p> <p>1 A Yes. 2 Q Okay. So Bates ending in 52. 3 A Yeah. 4 Q Is this type of document familiar to you? 5 A Not really. 6 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 8 Q Okay. So you don't know whether Highland 9 prepared other settlement analyses like this? 10 A I have no direct knowledge if that's -- if 11 it's something Highland would have done. No. 12 Q Do you know who prepared this settlement 13 analysis? 14 A I don't. 15 Q Did you have any role in preparing it? 16 A No, not that I remember. 17 Q Do you know why Mr. Leventon is sending 18 this to you? 19 A I do not. 20 Q Do you know who would be the recipient of 21 a presentation like this? 22 A I'm not familiar with this sort of 23 presentation, so I really don't have -- I don't 24 recall any context around it. So, no, I guess the 25 answer's no to that.</p>	<p>40</p> <p>1 A No, I don't. 2 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 3 A I do not. 4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 5 Q All right. If you could turn to slide 6, 6 Bates ending in 57. 7 A Okay. 8 Q The title here is If Highland Settles. 9 And then No. 1, it says: Sentinel controls 10 HFP/CDO assets (currently 94 million) (see 11 Slide 10). 12 Do you see that? 13 A I do. 14 Q Are you familiar with the entity Sentinel? 15 A Yes. 16 Q Okay. And that was a Cayman insurance 17 company that was owned by Mr. Dondero and 18 Mr. Ellington, correct? 19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 20 A At one point, yes, I think they had an 21 economic interest. I'm not certain if that 22 changed. 23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 24 Q Okay. And if you'd flip to slide 8, which 25 is Bates ending in 59.</p>

<p>41</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q So this is UBS Settlement: Structure</p> <p>3 Summary. Are you familiar with any of the steps</p> <p>4 that are listed on this slide, in terms of a</p> <p>5 settlement structure for settling the UBS matter?</p> <p>6 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>7 A I'm not familiar with the context of</p> <p>8 settlement, but these steps -- I have some</p> <p>9 familiarity with the steps, sort of without --</p> <p>10 without that context, without a settlement</p> <p>11 backdrop or context of settlement.</p> <p>12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>13 Q Okay. And which steps are those?</p> <p>14 A The ATE policy from Sentinel. I mean,</p> <p>15 really Step 1. I mean, the rest of the steps sort</p> <p>16 of, I guess, intuitively make sense, but I never</p> <p>17 really -- I'm not familiar with the context here.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. So you are -- and I'll talk about</p> <p>19 this later today, but you're familiar with the ATE</p> <p>20 policy from Sentinel, but you were unaware that</p> <p>21 was in connection --</p> <p>22 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>23 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Hang on. Let me just</p> <p>24 finish the question.</p> <p>25</p>	<p>43</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q Do you believe that refers to Scott</p> <p>3 Ellington?</p> <p>4 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q Were you part of Mr. Ellington's team?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q And so it says here that the plan in</p> <p>10 Step 1 is for HFP/CDO Fund to send their assets</p> <p>11 (94 million) as ATE premium payments to Sentinel,</p> <p>12 and then the other arrow says, Sentinel writes</p> <p>13 100 million policy for UBS liability.</p> <p>14 Is that your understanding of the ATE</p> <p>15 policy?</p> <p>16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>17 A I'm not certain of the \$94 million part.</p> <p>18 The \$100 million ATE policy does -- I am familiar</p> <p>19 with. So, yes, generally I'm familiar with this.</p> <p>20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And if you look at the next slide,</p> <p>22 slide 11 that's ending in Bates 62, this is UBS</p> <p>23 Settlement Step 2 - Negotiate Settlement Amount.</p> <p>24 And then the box up top says: Scott to negotiate</p> <p>25 with Andy.</p>
<p>42</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Let me do that again.</p> <p>3 You were familiar with the ATE policy from</p> <p>4 Sentinel, but you were unaware that this was in</p> <p>5 connection with a potential settlement with UBS;</p> <p>6 is that what you're saying?</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>8 A I guess it's intuitive that there would be</p> <p>9 a settlement step, but I don't recall this context</p> <p>10 being explained to me or otherwise knowing of it</p> <p>11 in real time, if that makes sense.</p> <p>12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>13 Q Do you know whether any of the steps on</p> <p>14 this page actually happened?</p> <p>15 A I believe the ATE policy was entered into.</p> <p>16 I don't know the rest.</p> <p>17 Q And this slide contemplates buying a</p> <p>18 \$100 million policy; is that right?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q If you go to slide 10, and that's Bates</p> <p>21 ending 61.</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q It says: UBS Settlement Step 1 - ATE</p> <p>24 Policy, and then there's a box there that says,</p> <p>25 Actor: Scott's Team?</p>	<p>44</p> <p>1 Do you know if that refers to my partner</p> <p>2 Andy Clubok?</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>4 A I'm assuming it does.</p> <p>5 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>6 Q Did you have any communications with</p> <p>7 Mr. Clubok in the course of the UBS litigation?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Do you know whether any of those</p> <p>10 negotiations between Mr. Ellington and Mr. Clubok</p> <p>11 actually occurred?</p> <p>12 A I don't.</p> <p>13 Q You weren't part of those, if they did?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q Who else was on Scott's team?</p> <p>16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>17 A Thomas Surgent, Tim Cournoyer, Stephanie</p> <p>18 Vitiello, Lauren Thedford, Helen Kim. Obviously</p> <p>19 the team changed over time. I'm sort of</p> <p>20 mentioning the individuals towards the end there.</p> <p>21 There were other litigators over time who came --</p> <p>22 you know, who came and went and corporate</p> <p>23 attorneys as well. But it's the legal group. It</p> <p>24 was the Highland legal group.</p> <p>25</p>

<p>45</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q What about Mr. Leventon? 3 A Mr. Leventon. 4 Q What about Mr. DiOrio? 5 A Mr. DiOrio, Ms. Irving. 6 Q If you could keep that exhibit open to 7 slide 10, which is at Bates 61, I'm going to also 8 hand you what we will mark as Exhibit 48. 9 (Deposition Exhibit 48 marked for 10 identification.) 11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 12 Q Go ahead and take your time to flip 13 through that. This is another version of the same 14 settlement analysis that we were just looking at. 15 A Sorry, the pages are upside down, so I'm 16 having to -- 17 Q Yeah, for me too. That's not ideal. I 18 think we're all out of practice printing out hard 19 copies. I apologize for that. 20 (Witness reviews document.) 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q Let me know when you've had a chance to 23 look through that. 24 A Okay. 25 Q So this is, again, another version of the</p>	<p>47</p> <p>1 policy, the assignment of assets and related 2 matters. 3 MS. SMITH: That doesn't exactly resolve 4 my objection. This is an internal settlement 5 analysis document, and I don't want Mr. Sevilla to 6 be in any kind of trouble for discussing it. 7 This, as far as I know, was not an attachment to 8 the complaint and I don't know what, if anything, 9 she's going to ask that's related to the 10 complaint. 11 MR. FEINSTEIN: Then maybe we should take 12 it question by question for now. 13 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Question by question or 14 document by document? 15 MR. FEINSTEIN: Document by document. 16 We're not going to assert the privilege on this 17 document. 18 MS. SMITH: Okay. 19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 20 Q So, Mr. Sevilla, my question was, do you 21 have any idea what the date of this document would 22 be? 23 A I don't. 24 Q So you don't know if this is the final 25 version or not?</p>
<p>46</p> <p>1 settlement analysis that we just looked at, but it 2 doesn't have a date. It looks to us to be a later 3 version in time, but do you have any idea what the 4 date of this document would be? 5 MS. SMITH: I'm going to object first on 6 the privilege. If you're going to ask him 7 questions about this exhibit, I want to make sure 8 that Highland is going to waive the privilege on 9 this so that he can answer. 10 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Sure. Mr. Feinstein, I 11 don't know if it would make sense to do this on a 12 piecemeal basis or if there's -- you know, if you 13 want to articulate if there's going to be a 14 broader privilege waiver. I don't care how we do 15 it. I can do it either way. It's up to you. 16 It's your privilege. 17 MR. FEINSTEIN: Why don't we do this the 18 way we have in prior depositions in this action, 19 which is to say that the debtor is not going to -- 20 chooses not to assert the privilege to the extent 21 that it may apply to questions that deal with the 22 basic factual matters that are laid out in the 23 complaint and in the motion to approve settlement, 24 where we disclose over the course of several 25 paragraphs, the facts surrounding the insurance</p>	<p>48</p> <p>1 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 2 A I don't. 3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 4 Q If you look at slide 8 on this version. 5 So slide 8 contains a structure summary that is 6 similar to the one that we just looked at, except 7 for in Step 1, HFP/CDO fund by a \$90 million ATE 8 policy from Sentinel. Do you know why that would 9 have changed from 100 to 90? 10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 11 A I don't. 12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 13 Q And it says here that the ATE premium is 14 all assets in HFP CDO fund. Do you see that? 15 A Yes. 16 Q And if you look at the very last page of 17 this exhibit -- well, the very last two pages, I 18 guess, the second-to-last page is Appendix 1 and 19 then Appendix 1 is what appears to be a list of 20 assets. Do you see that? 21 A Yes. 22 Q Okay. Is it your understanding that these 23 were the assets that were planned to be used to 24 buy the premium for the ATE policy? 25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">49</p> <p>1 A These look familiar. I don't know if this 2 is the final asset list or if this is 3 comprehensive. I can take it at face value, but I 4 don't have personal knowledge about the 5 completeness or incompleteness of it. 6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 7 Q Okay. Do you know who would? 8 A Sorry, we're referring to what? Can you 9 restate what we're -- exactly what we're talking 10 about. 11 Q Who would have knowledge about this list 12 of assets? 13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 14 A I mean, Highland accounting, I guess, 15 relating to these entities. 16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 17 Q Who would have pulled together something 18 like this? 19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 20 A In what year? Like when? 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q In 2017. 23 A Probably Mr. Stoops, the chief accounting 24 officer. Mr. Klos. I think he was -- I don't 25 know if he was the controller then, but he -- I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">51</p> <p>1 A An insurance company. 2 Q Do you recall when Sentinel was formed? 3 A 2011 -- or 2012, I believe. 4 Q Were you involved in that? 5 A I was. 6 Q Do you recall at the time what the purpose 7 was of forming Sentinel? 8 A The purpose was for it to be an insurance 9 company was my understanding. 10 Q What type of insurance would it provide? 11 A You're saying at formation? 12 Q Yes. 13 A Like what was the intention? I don't know 14 what exactly the strategic intention was. I know 15 the name -- the legal name has the word 16 reinsurance in it, but I -- at the time of 17 incorporation, I don't know what the strategic 18 vision was for it so I don't know what was 19 intended. 20 Q Or what types of policies it would issue 21 or anything like that? 22 A Correct. 23 MS. TOMKOWIAK: We're on 49, right? 24 A Should I set these to the side? 25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">50</p> <p>1 remember him as the controller. I don't know who 2 else they would have consulted, but that's who I 3 would sort of assume. 4 Q Okay. And you don't know who put this 5 specific list together? 6 A Not that I know of, no. Not that I 7 recall. 8 Q I am going to switch topics. 9 MS. TOMKOWIAK: I'm good to keep going, 10 but does anybody else want to take a break now? 11 MS. SMITH: I could actually go to the 12 ladies room. 13 MS. TOMKOWIAK: We can go off the record. 14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record 15 at 10:30 a.m. 16 (Recess taken from 10:30 a.m. CDT to 17 10:41 a.m. CDT) 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 10:41 a.m. 19 We are back on the record. 20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 21 Q Mr. Sevilla, earlier in the day you said 22 that you were familiar with an entity named 23 Sentinel; is that right? 24 A Yes. 25 Q What is Sentinel?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">52</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Yes, go ahead. We'll give those to the 3 court reporter at the end of the deposition. 4 MS. TOMKOWIAK: If you could mark that as 5 Exhibit 49. 6 (Deposition Exhibit 49 marked for 7 identification.) 8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 9 Q Mr. Sevilla, this is a lengthy document. 10 Just to orient ourselves a bit, this is an e-mail 11 from Sara Galletly, if I'm pronouncing that right, 12 at Maples to you. The date is December 10th, 13 2012, and the subject line is Sentinel 14 Restructure. Do you see that? 15 A Yes. 16 Q Okay. And -- 17 MS. SMITH: Sorry, is the debtor going to 18 waive the privilege as to this document too, to 19 the extent it's privileged? 20 MR. FEINSTEIN: Yes, that's correct. 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q Do you know who Ms. Galletly is? 23 A I don't recall. 24 Q Okay. What about Maples in general? 25 A A law firm.</p>

<p>53</p> <p>1 Q Okay. And you can -- do you want to take 2 a minute to flip through this or the 3 attachments -- 4 A Do you want me to? It's long. 5 Q -- to see if it's familiar to you? 6 A Sorry. It's been a long time. I would 7 need to -- I mean, generally, I kind of know what 8 it's about, but I haven't looked at this in a long 9 time. But you tell me, do you want me to go page 10 by page? 11 Q No. I have questions about specific 12 pages, but if at any time you want to look at a 13 different page or you want to look for other 14 context before you answer my question, just let me 15 know. 16 A Yeah. 17 Q So the -- my first question is on -- 18 relates to the e-mail dated November 30th, 2012, 19 from Ms. Galletly to you. That's the first 20 that -- first time that you're copied into this 21 e-mail chain, as far as I can tell. 22 A Okay. 23 Q Okay. And she says she is attaching draft 24 forms of memorandum and articles of association, 25 or M&A, for each of the following. And then the</p>	<p>55</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q With respect to Nimitz, do you understand 3 that Mr. Ellington is the owner of Nimitz? 4 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 5 A If you have something like this for that, 6 I think that would be helpful. 7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 8 Q I do. It's on Bates 312, I think. 9 A Okay. 10 Q Is that consistent with your recollection? 11 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 12 A I take this at face value. I don't have a 13 direct recollection, but I'll -- I believe this is 14 what it purports to be. 15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 16 Q So you don't recall learning at the time 17 that Mr. Dondero owned Patton and Mr. Ellington 18 owned Nimitz? 19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 20 A I'm sure I knew at time and I'll take this 21 at face value that it was the case. 22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 23 Q Okay. If you look at the page before 24 that, both the sole director of Nimitz is 25 Caledonian Directors Ltd.?</p>
<p>54</p> <p>1 entities listed there are Patton, Nimitz, Sentinel 2 Re Holdings and Sentinel Reinsurance. Do you see 3 that? 4 A Yes. 5 Q Are you familiar with each of those 6 entities? 7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 8 A I've heard their names, so I have a 9 general recollection of them. 10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 11 Q Okay. Do you understand that Mr. Dondero 12 is the beneficial owner of Patton? 13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 14 A I'd need to confirm that. I don't know if 15 it's in here, but -- I don't know if that's the 16 case. 17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 18 Q If you look at, I believe that it's page 19 ending in 349. 20 A Yes. 21 Q Does that confirm that Mr. Dondero is the 22 sole member of Patton? 23 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 24 A Yes. 25</p>	<p>56</p> <p>1 A Yes. 2 Q And you can look back at -- there's a 3 similar document for Patton. Do you know what 4 that entity is, Caledonian Directors Ltd.? 5 A A directorship in Cayman, a corporate 6 directorship in Cayman. 7 Q Was it related at all to Highland? 8 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 9 A No. 10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 11 Q Do you know how it was selected to be the 12 director? 13 A I don't. 14 Q Do you know who Nathan Smith is? 15 A The name sounds familiar, but I'm drawing 16 a blank. 17 Q Okay. If you go back to the November 30th 18 e-mail that we were discussing. 19 MS. SMITH: What page is that? 20 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Sure. 21 Do you have the Bates for that? 22 Should be the third page. 23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 24 Q My question is, do you know why you're 25 being copied here?</p>

<p>57</p> <p>1 A I was working on the Sentinel 2 incorporation with outside counsel. 3 Q Do you recall who asked you to work on 4 that? 5 A Yes. 6 Q Who is that? 7 A Mr. Ellington. 8 Q Anybody else? 9 A Not that I recall. 10 Q Do you know who came up with this 11 structure for Sentinel? 12 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 13 A My recollection is outside counsel. 14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 15 Q Outside counsel at where? 16 A I don't remember whether it was at 17 Sutherland or at Maples. I don't recall. 18 Q So the -- to the best of your knowledge, 19 it was outside counsel and not in-house, that came 20 up with the ownership structure for Sentinel? 21 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 22 A I don't recall. 23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 24 Q Did you have any role in reviewing the M&A 25 that are attached to this e-mail?</p>	<p>59</p> <p>1 remaining 30 percent. 2 Do you see that? 3 A Yes. 4 Q And above, it says that: The Class A 5 shares are held by Patton and the Class B shares 6 are held by Nimitz. 7 Correct? 8 A Yes. 9 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 10 A I see that. 11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 12 Q Okay. So you agree this means that if 13 Sentinel Holdings was somehow wound up, any 14 surplus assets that remained at the company, at 15 least according to this e-mail, would be divided 16 up 70/30 between Patton and Nimitz; is that right? 17 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 18 A I believe that's what the e-mail says. 19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 20 Q Do you know whether these economic rights 21 were actually incorporated into the final articles 22 of association for SS Holdings? 23 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 24 A I'd need to see them. 25</p>
<p>58</p> <p>1 A I'm sure I would have reviewed them, but 2 it's a Cayman document so I wouldn't have had had 3 much to say about it. 4 Q Do you know why Sentinel was incorporated 5 in the Caymans? 6 A I don't know the reasoning behind it. 7 Q As you sit here today, you can't think of 8 any reason that they would've been incorporated in 9 the Cayman Islands? 10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 11 A Again, I don't know what the strategic 12 thought process was. At least I don't recall as 13 to why Cayman. 14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 15 Q If you look at Ms. Galletly's e-mail, 16 about halfway down through her e-mail, she's 17 discussing the voting ratio and the different 18 classes of shares that Patton and Nimitz will 19 receive. Do you see that? 20 A Yes. 21 Q Okay. And then there's a sentence here 22 that says: The economic rights entitle the 23 Class A shares to 70 percent of any dividends or 24 distributions of surplus assets on a winding up 25 and the Class B shares are entitled to the</p>	<p>60</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Do you know who would have those? 3 A The entity -- 4 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 5 A The entities themselves. I don't have 6 them. 7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 8 Q So do you mean the Sentinel entities? 9 A Yes. 10 Q Did Sentinel have an office? 11 A I believe it had a registered office. 12 Q Did it have a physical office? 13 A Not that I know of. 14 Q Did it have employees? 15 A Not that I know of. 16 Q If you flip back a page, it looks like 17 you -- a couple e-mails up, you write on 18 December 10th, 2012: Please update as to filing 19 status on this. 20 Do you see that? 21 A Yes. 22 Q Do you recall if there was any urgency at 23 the time surrounding the formation of Sentinel or 24 these other entities? 25 A Not that I recall.</p>

<p>61</p> <p>1 Q So to the best of your recollection, 2 you're just asking for an update? 3 A I don't recall there being urgency per se. 4 I don't know -- I don't remember much other than 5 that. 6 Q And you don't recall there being a 7 specific time frame or deadline by which you were 8 supposed to -- 9 A I don't think so. 10 Q Who is Tabor? Tabor. How do I say that? 11 A Tabor Pittman. 12 Q Tabor Pittman, who is that? 13 A He was a lawyer in the Highland legal 14 group. 15 Q To your knowledge, did Mr. Dondero or 16 Mr. Ellington make any investment in Sentinel? 17 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 18 A I recall that they did, yes. 19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 20 Q In what form? 21 A I don't recall exactly in what form, but I 22 have a general recollection that they did 23 capitalize the entity. I don't remember the 24 amount or the form, but I have a general 25 recollection that that was done.</p>	<p>63</p> <p>1 A No, not that I recall. 2 Q Did anybody ever tell you to keep Sentinel 3 confidential? 4 A I don't recall being told that. 5 Q Did anybody ever tell you not to widely 6 discuss the existence of Sentinel within Highland? 7 A I don't remember getting direction like 8 that, no. 9 Q Not in words or substance? 10 A No. No, I don't recall it being a secret. 11 Q Do you recall it being kept to a small 12 group of people? 13 A I think a limited group of people provided 14 services to it, but I don't remember a mandate 15 that said keep it a secret. 16 Q Did that ever change at any point after 17 2012? 18 A I'm sorry, what? 19 Q Keeping it a secret or keeping it limited 20 to a smaller group of people. 21 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 22 A I don't remember that being a directive, 23 to keep it a secret. 24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 25 Q Even if it wasn't a directive, if it was</p>
<p>62</p> <p>1 Q That they put capital into the entity? 2 A Yes. 3 Q I believe you testified that you didn't 4 know what type of insurance Sentinel was intended 5 to provide at the time; is that right? 6 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 7 A I don't think that's exactly right. Yes, 8 that's true. I wasn't sure exactly what kind of 9 insurance they intended to write in the -- I think 10 initially -- actually, I think initially there was 11 a thought of what kind of policies it would write, 12 D&O policies and the like, but as far as more than 13 that, I don't recall. 14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 15 Q Okay. And just to go back to my question 16 about the capitalization, when you said that they 17 capitalized the entity, you were referring to 18 Mr. Dondero and Mr. Ellington; is that right? 19 A Yes. 20 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q Did anybody else capitalize Sentinel? 23 A Not that I recall. 24 Q Did anybody ever tell you to keep Sentinel 25 a secret?</p>	<p>64</p> <p>1 an understanding or anything else like that. 2 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 3 A No, I don't remember that. 4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 5 Q What about its ownership? Did anybody 6 instruct you to keep its ownership structure a 7 secret? 8 A No, no one instructed me, but I do recall 9 there being confidentiality rules in Cayman around 10 ownership, so I think it would have been 11 some things that was -- wasn't particularly, you 12 know, widely disseminated, just in light of that, 13 but I don't -- that would be the only sort of -- 14 when you mention that, that's what I think of. 15 Q Is that the reason that Sentinel was 16 incorporated in the Cayman Islands? 17 A I don't know. 18 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 19 A I don't know. 20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 21 Q So at some point between December 2012 and 22 August 2017, the ownership structure of Sentinel 23 became more complex. Do you recall that? 24 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 25 A I don't know if I would call it more</p>

<p>65</p> <p>1 complex. I have a general recollection that the 2 ownership structure changed. 3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 4 Q Did you play any role in that? 5 A I'm sure I -- I'm sure I had knowledge of 6 it. I don't remember what role I played, but I do 7 recall it happening. Yeah, I'm sure I did some 8 things on it. 9 MS. TOMKOWIAK: We're on Exhibit 50; is 10 that right? 11 A Am I done with this? 12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 13 Q Yes, sir. 14 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Okay. I'm handing the 15 court reporter, to mark as Exhibit 50, the cover 16 e-mail. 17 (Deposition Exhibit 50 marked for 18 identification.) 19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 20 Q And then I'm also handing you one of the 21 attachments, which was previously marked as a 22 deposition exhibit in this case as Exhibit 26. 23 A Okay. 24 Q But there's several attachments to this 25 document. That is one of them and that's been</p>	<p>67</p> <p>1 A I'm sorry, so can I take it at face value 2 that this was the attachment to this? 3 MS. SMITH: No. 4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 5 Q Well, I am representing to you that this 6 is one of the attachments that is in the zip file 7 that is attached to this. If you have a question 8 to doubt that or if your answers to my questions 9 would change, let me know. We just didn't want to 10 kill -- 11 A I just didn't see the connection. Okay. 12 Q It's on an Excel file, so it's difficult 13 to print it out with -- 14 A Understood. 15 Q -- one of the stamps. 16 A Understood. 17 Q With that representation, at the top -- 18 MS. SMITH: I'm sorry, Sarah, can I ask a 19 question? Does this have a corresponding Bates, 20 or is that what you are saying was difficult 21 because it was an Excel? This is not Bates'd. 22 MS. McLAUGHLIN: The Bates is -- the cover 23 sheet would be a Bates number, but this is the 24 native file. 25 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Can we go off the record</p>
<p>66</p> <p>1 previously marked as Exhibit 26. 2 That is Exhibit 50. Do you want to take a 3 moment, look through that and let me know when 4 you're ready? 5 A Sure. 6 (Witness reviews document.) 7 A Okay. 8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 9 Q This is an e-mail from Daniel Bowen, 10 Bowen, Bowen, to you, dated August 29th, 2017. 11 Any reason to doubt that you received this e-mail? 12 A No. 13 Q Okay. And he's attaching the beneficial 14 ownership information for Sentinel Re Holdings 15 LTD. Do you see that? 16 A Yes. 17 Q And we'll talk about this a little bit 18 later, but do you recall at the time working on a 19 transfer of interest in the Multi Strat fund to 20 Sentinel Re Holdings in 2017? 21 A I remember that. 22 Q Okay. And if you look at the attachment, 23 which is Exhibit 26. 24 A Okay. This? 25 Q Yes. So at the top it shows the --</p>	<p>68</p> <p>1 briefly? 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Sure. We are off the 3 record at 11:02 a.m. 4 (Recess taken from 11:02 a.m. CDT to 5 11:03 a.m. CDT) 6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 11:03 a.m., we are back 7 on the record. 8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 9 Q So do you see at the top, the top entity 10 is the investor and that's Sentinel Reinsurance 11 Ltd.? 12 A Yes. 13 Q And then below that, we have the two 14 beneficial owners, Patton and Nimitz, that we 15 discussed earlier? 16 A Yes. 17 Q And then with respect to each of Patton 18 and Nimitz, there are now other entities that have 19 been inserted in between each of those entities 20 and Mr. Dondero and Mr. Ellington. Do you see 21 that? 22 A I do. 23 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 25 Q Okay. So Patton is now owned by</p>

<p>69</p> <p>1 Mainspring, which is owned by Loyal which is owned 2 by Mr. Dondero? 3 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 4 A That's what the document says, yes. 5 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 6 Q Okay. And with respect to Mr. Nimitz, the 7 document reflects that it is owned by Montage, 8 which is then 100 percent owned by HAL Holdings, 9 which is then 99 percent owned by Elderflower, 10 which is 100 percent owned by Mr. Ellington? 11 A I see that. 12 Q Do you know what the purpose was in 13 putting all of those other entities into this 14 Sentinel structure? 15 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 16 A I don't recall. 17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 18 Q Do you know what any of those entities do? 19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 20 A The names are familiar to me. I don't 21 know what they do. 22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 23 Q Do you know if any of them have 24 operations? 25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>	<p>71</p> <p>1 additional entities in between Sentinel and 2 Mr. Dondero on one hand and Mr. Ellington on the 3 other hand. 4 A I don't recall that being a reason for 5 changing the structure. I don't recall that being 6 a reason. 7 Q Do you know who would have made the 8 decision to restructure Sentinel in this way? 9 A I guess ultimately the Sentinel directors 10 and the -- Sentinel directors is what I would 11 think of. I don't know who else they would take 12 direction from, but... 13 Q So you would assume that the Sentinel 14 directors would have made that decision? 15 A I think they would have had approval 16 authority over changes like that. 17 Q You don't know whether or not they, in 18 fact, approved or authorized this? 19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 20 A I'm going to take this at face value. And 21 I do have a recollection of there being a change 22 in the structure and so -- and my recollection is 23 that that would have been approved according to 24 whatever the governing law is, but a more specific 25 recollection, I can't -- I don't have.</p>
<p>70</p> <p>1 A I don't know. 2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 3 Q Okay. Do you know if any of them are just 4 holding companies? 5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 6 A I don't know for certain. 7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 8 Q Do you know if any of them are just dummy 9 entities? 10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 11 A I don't know what a -- what do you mean by 12 a dummy entity? 13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 14 Q Or a fictitious entity? 15 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 16 A No, I don't know. 17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 18 Q And you don't know whether or not this was 19 done to separate Mr. Ellington or Mr. Dondero from 20 Sentinel in any way? 21 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 22 A When you say this, you mean what? 23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 24 Q Changing the beneficial ownership 25 structure of Sentinel so that there were</p>	<p>72</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q You can set that aside. I'm handing you 3 what's previously been marked as Exhibit 21 -- I'm 4 sorry, 28. Go ahead and take a minute to 5 familiarize yourself with that and let me know 6 when you're ready. 7 (Witness reviews document.) 8 A Okay. 9 MS. SMITH: This appears to be an e-mail 10 regarding legal perspective. Does the debtor 11 waive the privilege on this document before 12 Mr. Sevilla answers questions? 13 MR. FEINSTEIN: We are not going to assert 14 the privilege, to the extent it applies. 15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 16 Q Okay. This is an e-mail -- skipping ahead 17 a couple of years here to April 2019. This is an 18 e-mail from Katie Irving, who I understand is now 19 Katie Lucas; is that right? 20 A Yes. 21 Q To Sam Dawson, Dylan Wiltermuth, and then 22 a CC to you and Mr. DiOrion. The date is 23 April 10th, 2019, and the subject is Forward 24 Entity Restructure - Sentinel. 25 And Ms. Irving is forwarding an e-mail</p>

<p>73</p> <p>1 from Stephen Beck. Do you know who Stephen Beck 2 is? 3 A I have a general recollection that he's a 4 tax practitioner, an accounting practitioner. 5 Q External to Highland? 6 A Yes. 7 Q And do you know why you're being copied on 8 this? 9 A I don't know why exactly. 10 Q Katie writes to Mr. Beck in the earlier 11 e-mail in the chain, which is also CC'd to you and 12 she says: Hi, Steve. Further to entity 13 liquidation discussions last year, the Sentinel 14 Reinsurance Ltd. regulator, Cayman Islands 15 Monetary Authority (CIMA) is asking that the 16 Sentinel structure be simplified. 17 I'm not reading the rest of that sentence. 18 Do you recall having discussions with CIMA, or the 19 Cayman Islands Monetary Authority, asking that the 20 Sentinel structure be simplified, at any time 21 between 2017 and 2019? 22 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 23 A I recall this happening. I recall hearing 24 about that feedback. 25</p>	<p>75</p> <p>1 chain, Ms. Irving writes: I believe we looked at 2 the impact of GP's structure for these topcos 3 previously. 4 Do you know what a topco is? 5 A Sorry, I'm trying to find where she writes 6 that. 7 Q At the top. 8 A Yeah. 9 Q Top e-mail, second sentence. 10 A GP structure, I don't recall what that -- 11 general partner. I don't recall. 12 Q Do you know what a topco is? 13 A The entity at the top of the structure is 14 what I would refer to as a topco. 15 Q Okay. If you can look at the second page 16 of the attachment first. So this appears to be an 17 organizational chart of Sentinel as of April 9th, 18 2019. 19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. And this is 20 the third page. 21 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Okay. 22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 23 Q Bates ending 26. 24 A I'm there. 25 Q Okay. At the top it says: CFC</p>
<p>74</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Do you recall why they wanted the 3 structure to be simplified? 4 A I don't recall -- 5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 6 THE WITNESS: Sorry. 7 A I don't remember the reason. 8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 9 Q In that same e-mail, Ms. Irving says that: 10 We have a five-year taint issue as Montage, 11 Anthem, and Mainspring used to be CFCs. 12 Do you know what CFC means? 13 A At a high level. 14 Q What does it stand for? 15 A Controlled Foreign Corporation. 16 Q And at a high level, what is that? 17 A It's a tax moniker. I don't -- I don't 18 remember -- I don't purport to be a specialist in 19 this. It's a company control -- a foreign company 20 controlled by another company, but that's pretty 21 much all I remember about what a CFC is. 22 Q And then do you remember anything about 23 why they de-CFC'ed in October 2014? 24 A I don't. 25 Q In the chain -- in the later e-mail in the</p>	<p>76</p> <p>1 Restructure, Sentinel Structure as at 9 April 2 2019. 3 To the best of your recollection, did this 4 reflect Sentinel's ownership structure in 5 April 2019? 6 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 7 A I'll take it at face value. I don't have 8 direct recollection of the exact structure chart. 9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 10 Q Okay. And taking it at face value, 11 there's other entities that appear to have been 12 added as well. Do you know when, for example, 13 Anthem was added to this structure? 14 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 15 A Anthem. No, I don't recall that. 16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 17 Q Or Brave? 18 A I don't recall when that was added. 19 Q USP2 at the top right there, that refers 20 to Mr. Dondero, correct? 21 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 22 A I don't know whether it refers to him. 23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 24 Q Well, would you expect that USP means US 25 person?</p>

<p>77</p> <p>1 A I believe that.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. And we discussed earlier that</p> <p>3 Mr. Dondero was the beneficial owner of Patton,</p> <p>4 right?</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>6 A Yeah, okay. I see it now.</p> <p>7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>8 Q Okay. So reasonable to infer that USP2 is</p> <p>9 Mr. Dondero?</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>11 A I can't be certain.</p> <p>12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Can't be certain, but it appears</p> <p>14 that way based on what we've looked at before?</p> <p>15 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>16 A I know we looked at something referring to</p> <p>17 Patton as Mr. Dondero. Again, I didn't have</p> <p>18 specific recollection of that, but I know you</p> <p>19 showed that to me and I'm seeing it here, but as</p> <p>20 far as personal knowledge, I don't want to</p> <p>21 speculate.</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q Same question with respect to US person 1,</p> <p>24 that refers to Mr. Ellington, correct?</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>	<p>79</p> <p>1 Ms. Irving, who -- she's the one who looks like --</p> <p>2 looks like she attached it to this structure. So</p> <p>3 assuming that it was put together correctly, you</p> <p>4 would agree with me that SAS Holdings is here at</p> <p>5 the top and Sentinel is part of that structure,</p> <p>6 right?</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>8 A I think that's fair.</p> <p>9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>10 Q And if you turn back to the chart before</p> <p>11 this, this reflects the SAS structure as of</p> <p>12 April 9th, 2019?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>14 A That's what it says.</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q Okay. What is SAS?</p> <p>17 A A litigation funding business.</p> <p>18 Q What does SAS stand for?</p> <p>19 A I don't know.</p> <p>20 Q Sword and Shield?</p> <p>21 A Possibly.</p> <p>22 Q Did you come up with that or who came up</p> <p>23 with the name SAS Holdings, if you know?</p> <p>24 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>25 A I did not.</p>
<p>78</p> <p>1 A Same answer as to Mr. Dondero. I know you</p> <p>2 showed me something that referenced Nimitz and</p> <p>3 Mr. Ellington, but I don't recall having personal</p> <p>4 knowledge enough to, you know, agree to that, as I</p> <p>5 sit here.</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q And then at the top of all of this, so</p> <p>8 maybe this would be the topco, is a company called</p> <p>9 SAS Holdings. Do you see that?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q So at this point in time, Sentinel is part</p> <p>12 of the structure of SAS Holdings; is that right?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>14 A I'm sorry, can you say that again?</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q Sure. I'm just trying to understand. So</p> <p>17 it looks to me like Sentinel Reinsurance is part</p> <p>18 of this SAS Holdings ownership structure; is that</p> <p>19 right?</p> <p>20 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>21 A I see SAS Holdings there at the top. I</p> <p>22 mean, I see that there. So I'll accept that it's</p> <p>23 in the structure.</p> <p>24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>25 Q Okay. And I mean, assuming that</p>	<p>80</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Do you know when SAS was formed?</p> <p>3 A I don't know when it was formed.</p> <p>4 Q Do you know who formed it?</p> <p>5 A I don't know who formed it.</p> <p>6 Q What is the relationship between SAS</p> <p>7 Litigation Management, which is down here on -- in</p> <p>8 the very lower right-hand corner, and SAS Asset</p> <p>9 Recovery?</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>12 Q If you know.</p> <p>13 A Other than being on the same structure</p> <p>14 chart, I don't know of any other -- was the</p> <p>15 question relationship or --</p> <p>16 Q Yeah.</p> <p>17 A I don't know of any other relationship,</p> <p>18 other than being on a structure chart together.</p> <p>19 Q Well, is -- you said it was a litigation</p> <p>20 funding company. Is that what you said?</p> <p>21 A The enterprise was a -- when you asked</p> <p>22 what's SAS, I -- my response is it's a litigation</p> <p>23 funding enterprise business, series of businesses.</p> <p>24 Q Yeah. Do you know which of these</p> <p>25 businesses, SAS businesses, are actually in the</p>

<p>81</p> <p>1 litigation funding business?</p> <p>2 A I would say all of them at different times</p> <p>3 were litigation funders or contemplated litigation</p> <p>4 funders. I don't want to represent that, but when</p> <p>5 I -- when you asked what's SAS, litigation funding</p> <p>6 business. And, you know, these are the entities</p> <p>7 that effectuated that business.</p> <p>8 Q Do you know whose idea it was to form SAS?</p> <p>9 A I don't.</p> <p>10 Q Do you know when it was formed?</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>12 A It predated my time at Highland. I don't</p> <p>13 know exactly when it was formed.</p> <p>14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>15 Q When you arrived at Highland, it was</p> <p>16 already in existence?</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>18 A That's my recollection.</p> <p>19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>20 Q What was the relationship between SAS and</p> <p>21 Highland?</p> <p>22 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>23 A The relationship between the two?</p> <p>24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>25 Q Yes.</p>	<p>83</p> <p>1 A I don't know specifics as to bank</p> <p>2 accounts.</p> <p>3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>4 Q Did they have any common ownership between</p> <p>5 SAS and any Highland entity?</p> <p>6 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>7 A Any Highland entity?</p> <p>8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>9 Q Any Highland entity.</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>11 A I can't recall directly. I know the</p> <p>12 Highland ownership structure changed over time, so</p> <p>13 I don't want to represent that I know Highland's</p> <p>14 ownership structure at any moment.</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q Did Mr. Ellington form SAS?</p> <p>17 A I don't --</p> <p>18 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>19 A I don't know exactly.</p> <p>20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>21 Q Did Mr. Ellington own SAS?</p> <p>22 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>23 A Did he own it? I don't think he owned it.</p> <p>24 No, I don't think he owned it.</p> <p>25</p>
<p>82</p> <p>1 A Is that the question?</p> <p>2 Q Yeah.</p> <p>3 A I don't think there was -- I mean, I don't</p> <p>4 think there was a relationship between Highland</p> <p>5 and SAS, other than Highland employees providing</p> <p>6 services to SAS from time to time, but I -- that's</p> <p>7 about as much as I knew.</p> <p>8 Q So there's no affiliation between Highland</p> <p>9 and SAS?</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>11 A When you say affiliation, you mean --</p> <p>12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>13 Q So is -- I guess let me back up. Let me</p> <p>14 ask it in a series of questions.</p> <p>15 Did SAS have separate offices from HCM?</p> <p>16 A I believe SAS had offices.</p> <p>17 Q Do you know where?</p> <p>18 A In Cayman. In the Cayman Islands.</p> <p>19 Q In the US?</p> <p>20 A In the Cayman Islands.</p> <p>21 Q Just in the Cayman Islands?</p> <p>22 A Yeah.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. Did they have separate bank</p> <p>24 accounts from Highland?</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>	<p>84</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Do you know who owned SAS?</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>4 A I believe Mr. Ellington had a beneficial</p> <p>5 interest. I don't know if I would consider that</p> <p>6 the owner or I would break it down that way, but I</p> <p>7 know he had a beneficial interest in the</p> <p>8 litigation funding enterprise.</p> <p>9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>10 Q What does a beneficial interest mean?</p> <p>11 A I'd refer to it as economics, an economic</p> <p>12 interest.</p> <p>13 Q What does that mean?</p> <p>14 A I mean, nothing -- I mean, I mean it in</p> <p>15 the simplest possible terms. I think he had an</p> <p>16 ownership interest in the economics of whatever</p> <p>17 the entity created or whatever the fruits of the</p> <p>18 business were, I think he had an economic interest</p> <p>19 in that.</p> <p>20 Q So are you saying he got paid by SAS?</p> <p>21 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>22 A I don't know if he got paid by SAS.</p> <p>23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>24 Q So I'm still struggling to understand what</p> <p>25 you mean by ownership interest in the economics of</p>

<p>85</p> <p>1 SAS. How did he benefit from SAS?</p> <p>2 A I mean, I think one can own shares in</p> <p>3 something without necessarily being paid by them</p> <p>4 or being their employee, is sort of what I mean.</p> <p>5 Q So was he a shareholder of SAS?</p> <p>6 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>7 A I don't know if I would consider him a</p> <p>8 shareholder. I think -- the extent of what I know</p> <p>9 is that he had a beneficial interest in the</p> <p>10 litigation funding business.</p> <p>11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>12 Q What about Mr. Dondero? Did he also have</p> <p>13 a beneficial interest in the litigation funding</p> <p>14 business?</p> <p>15 A I believe so.</p> <p>16 Q What about Mr. Leventon? Did he have a</p> <p>17 beneficial interest in the litigation funding</p> <p>18 business?</p> <p>19 A I don't know.</p> <p>20 Q What about you? Did you have a beneficial</p> <p>21 interest in the litigation funding business?</p> <p>22 A I did not.</p> <p>23 Q What about Mr. DiOrio?</p> <p>24 A I don't know.</p> <p>25 Q What services did Highland employees</p>	<p>87</p> <p>1 A He is not.</p> <p>2 Q Did you ever receive payments from SAS for</p> <p>3 these services?</p> <p>4 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>5 A I never received payment from SAS.</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q Did anybody else?</p> <p>8 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>9 A I don't know.</p> <p>10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>11 Q Why would Highland employees, including</p> <p>12 yourself, provide services for free?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>14 A I don't know if they were for free. I</p> <p>15 know my only paycheck was from Highland.</p> <p>16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>17 Q And did that paycheck from Highland</p> <p>18 include any compensation for the services that you</p> <p>19 provided to SAS?</p> <p>20 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>21 A I don't know. My paycheck from Highland</p> <p>22 was compensation for the services that I was</p> <p>23 assigned to work on.</p> <p>24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>25 Q And were you assigned to work on projects</p>
<p>86</p> <p>1 provide to SAS?</p> <p>2 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>3 A Diligence on potential litigation funding</p> <p>4 matters. That's largely the -- that's what I</p> <p>5 would consider the kind of material services</p> <p>6 provided were relating to kind of the litigation</p> <p>7 funding of cases of different cases as they arose</p> <p>8 from time to time.</p> <p>9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>10 Q Which Highland employees provided those</p> <p>11 services?</p> <p>12 A I don't have an exact -- I don't know the</p> <p>13 exact universe at any given time. I know I did</p> <p>14 from time to time.</p> <p>15 Q And to the best of your recollection, who</p> <p>16 else?</p> <p>17 A I believe Mr. Leventon did from time to</p> <p>18 time. I believe Ms. Irving did. Different</p> <p>19 Highland litigators at different points. Like I</p> <p>20 said, you'd have to narrow it down temporally.</p> <p>21 Q Mr. DiOrio?</p> <p>22 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>23 A I think he may have. I'm not certain.</p> <p>24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>25 Q Is he a lawyer?</p>	<p>88</p> <p>1 for SAS?</p> <p>2 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>3 A I was.</p> <p>4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>5 Q Who assigned you to work on them?</p> <p>6 A Mr. Ellington.</p> <p>7 Q Anybody else?</p> <p>8 A Assigned me? No, just him.</p> <p>9 Q Anybody else tell you to work on SAS</p> <p>10 projects?</p> <p>11 A Tell me to?</p> <p>12 Q Ask you to. Anybody besides Mr. Ellington</p> <p>13 say, hey, here's something for SAS, can you help</p> <p>14 work on it?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Did you have an SAS management e-mail</p> <p>17 address?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q And why is that?</p> <p>20 A To work on SAS litigation matters,</p> <p>21 litigation funding matters.</p> <p>22 Q Even though those were being done in your</p> <p>23 capacity as a Highland employee?</p> <p>24 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>

<p>89</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Was there a shared services agreement</p> <p>3 between Highland and SAS?</p> <p>4 A I don't know.</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q I'm sorry, what?</p> <p>8 A Sorry. I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q Were you personally involved in finding</p> <p>10 claims to fund?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Were you personally involved in doing</p> <p>13 diligence, as you said?</p> <p>14 A I had -- I have done that.</p> <p>15 Q Do you recall any specific claims or</p> <p>16 matters?</p> <p>17 A Vaguely I have a recollection. It's been</p> <p>18 quite some time since I did that.</p> <p>19 Q In her e-mail, Ms. Irving refers to a</p> <p>20 Mexican case. Was that something that SAS was</p> <p>21 funding?</p> <p>22 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>25 Q In brief, what is that case?</p>	<p>91</p> <p>1 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>2 A Again, the names look familiar, sound</p> <p>3 familiar. I don't recall exactly what any of them</p> <p>4 did in any -- at any given moment.</p> <p>5 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>6 Q Do you know who came up with names like</p> <p>7 Helpful or Clean or Courteous?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q You don't?</p> <p>10 A I don't.</p> <p>11 Q To your knowledge, is SAS still a</p> <p>12 functioning entity today?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>14 A I don't know if it is.</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q Do you still have an SAS management e-mail</p> <p>17 account?</p> <p>18 A I don't know.</p> <p>19 Q When was the last time you used it?</p> <p>20 A December of '20 was the last time I</p> <p>21 recall.</p> <p>22 Q When was the last time that you performed</p> <p>23 services for SAS?</p> <p>24 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>25 A Summer of '19, I would say is the last</p>
<p>90</p> <p>1 A It was a case from 2003 involving a sale</p> <p>2 of securities of a Mexican -- sale of shares of a</p> <p>3 Mexican company.</p> <p>4 Q Why were you talking about it in 2019?</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>6 A I don't know why it would be brought up in</p> <p>7 2019. I don't know what the relevance was to</p> <p>8 Katie to Sam Dawson -- I need to remember to</p> <p>9 brief -- I don't know what she had in mind when</p> <p>10 she said that. I don't know.</p> <p>11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>12 Q Did SAS make any money off of that case?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q In the organizational structure of SAS,</p> <p>15 there's an entity in the lower right that's</p> <p>16 Sebastian Clarke Ltd. Do you see that?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q Do you know anything about that entity?</p> <p>19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>20 A The name looks familiar, but I don't have</p> <p>21 specific knowledge of it.</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q What about any of the other entities in</p> <p>24 here? Do you have any specific knowledge about</p> <p>25 what any of them do?</p>	<p>92</p> <p>1 time I remember doing work on SAS.</p> <p>2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>3 Q Does anybody at Skyview provide services</p> <p>4 to SAS?</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>6 A Not that I know of.</p> <p>7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>8 Q You can set that aside.</p> <p>9 Mr. Sevilla, did you have any role in</p> <p>10 preparing financial statements for Sentinel?</p> <p>11 A Any role? I did not prepare financial</p> <p>12 statements for Sentinel.</p> <p>13 Q Did you review them?</p> <p>14 A I think from time to time I've seen them,</p> <p>15 but I wouldn't consider myself qualified to review</p> <p>16 them in an official capacity. I'm sure I've seen</p> <p>17 them from time to time.</p> <p>18 MS. TOMKOWIAK: So I'm going to ask the</p> <p>19 court reporter to mark this as Exhibit 51.</p> <p>20 (Deposition Exhibit 51 marked for</p> <p>21 identification.)</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q Let me know when you're ready. And when</p> <p>24 the court reporter is ready.</p> <p>25 A Go ahead.</p>

<p>93</p> <p>1 Q So this is -- Exhibit 51 is an e-mail from 2 Ms. Irving, now Lucas, to Abbie Stonecypher. Who 3 is Abbie Stonecypher, if I'm saying that 4 correctly? 5 A I recall she was an employee in the 6 accounting group. 7 Q And there's a CC to you and the subject is 8 Financials, and the date of the e-mail is 9 August 16th, 2017. Any reason to doubt that you 10 received this e-mail at the time? 11 A No. 12 Q And I think you said earlier that you 13 recall receiving financial statements for Sentinel 14 from time to time? 15 A I've -- yes, I've seen them. 16 Q What did you do, if anything, with them 17 when you received them? 18 A Nothing, unless someone else was asking me 19 for them or there was a discrete question related 20 to them. I didn't do anything with them. 21 Q Were you ever employed by Sentinel? 22 A No. 23 Q If you turn the page to the page ending in 24 Bates number 1067, this is a cover letter 25 addressed to you from Mr. Kranz at Beecher</p>	<p>95</p> <p>1 Q But you received mail there? 2 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 3 A It appears that way, although this looks 4 like this was e-mailed, but... 5 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 6 Q If you turn to the -- turn to the page 7 ended 1069. 8 A Yes. 9 Q And under the heading Income Statement, it 10 says that: Through December 31st, 2016, Sentinel 11 had premiums earned of 2.6 million. 12 A Yes. 13 Q Do you know what those premiums related 14 to? 15 A A series of D&O insurance policies. 16 Q For what types of clients? 17 A Corporate entities. Corporate entities on 18 the SAS side. 19 Q So Sentinel issued D&O policies for 20 corporate entities within the SAS structure? 21 A That's correct. 22 Q Any other types of clients? 23 A Not that I recall. 24 Q Okay. And then if you look at Bates 25 ending 1071.</p>
<p>94</p> <p>1 Carlson? 2 A Yes. 3 Q And he says: Dear JP, Enclosed please 4 find the revised unaudited financial statements of 5 Sentinel Reinsurance, Ltd. as of, and for the 6 year-ended December 31st, 2016. 7 A Yes. 8 Q Do you know why Mr. Kranz is sending these 9 to you at SAS Asset Recovery? 10 A I don't know. 11 Q Well, what was the relationship between 12 SAS and Sentinel at this time? 13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 14 A I don't recall there being one. I don't 15 recall there being one. 16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 17 Q Okay. Did you ever -- did SAS have an 18 office in the Caymans? 19 A Yes. 20 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q Okay. 23 A Yes. 24 Q Did you ever work there? 25 A No.</p>	<p>96</p> <p>1 A Okay. 2 Q It shows that Sentinel had approximately 3 19.2 million in total assets as of the end of 4 December 2016. Do you agree with that? 5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 6 A I agree that's what it says. Again, I'm 7 not qualified to attest to the accuracy. I'll 8 take it at face value. 9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 10 Q Okay. And approximately \$5.9 million in 11 cash? 12 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 13 A Yes. 14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 15 Q With respect to the shareholders' equity, 16 it has a line for dividends declared and paid. 17 Who are the shareholders that would have received 18 those dividends? 19 A I don't recall. 20 Q Would that be Mr. Dondero and 21 Mr. Ellington? 22 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 23 A I don't recall where dividends flowed to. 24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 25 Q If you look at the supporting schedules,</p>

<p>97</p> <p>1 and page 1081.</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q This is a little small, so let me --</p> <p>4 I'm --</p> <p>5 A Yeah.</p> <p>6 Q Let me know if you can't see something.</p> <p>7 A No. I see it.</p> <p>8 Q It's a detailed investment schedule for</p> <p>9 Sentinel as of December 31st, 2016. And then it</p> <p>10 lists four different CLOs?</p> <p>11 A Okay.</p> <p>12 Q What's a CLO?</p> <p>13 A Collateralized Loan Obligation.</p> <p>14 Q And the acquisition dates for three of</p> <p>15 them are January 7th, 2014, and then for Grayson,</p> <p>16 it looks like it's December 30th, 2013. Do you</p> <p>17 see that?</p> <p>18 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>19 A I see that.</p> <p>20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>21 Q Do you know who Sentinel acquired these</p> <p>22 securities from?</p> <p>23 A I don't recall.</p> <p>24 Q Did you have any role in that?</p> <p>25 A I have a recollection of when the CLO</p>	<p>99</p> <p>1 don't want to lead you astray.</p> <p>2 Q Do you recall that Asset Holdings was a</p> <p>3 wholly owned subsidiary of Sentinel?</p> <p>4 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>5 A I don't recall if that's true.</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q All right. You can set that aside and we</p> <p>8 will hand you what we're going to mark as</p> <p>9 Exhibit 52.</p> <p>10 (Deposition Exhibit 52 marked for</p> <p>11 identification.)</p> <p>12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>13 Q Exhibit 52 is an e-mail with attachments,</p> <p>14 and if you want to take a couple minutes, then let</p> <p>15 me know when you're ready.</p> <p>16 (Witness reviews document.)</p> <p>17 A Okay. Go ahead.</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q Okay. So these appear to be another copy</p> <p>20 of the consolidated financial statements of</p> <p>21 Sentinel, but there's an independent auditor's</p> <p>22 report attached from Crowe Horwath, if I'm saying</p> <p>23 that correctly. Are you familiar with this type</p> <p>24 of document for Sentinel?</p> <p>25 A I've seen it before.</p>
<p>98</p> <p>1 assets were acquired. I don't remember who the</p> <p>2 seller was, but I have a general recollection of</p> <p>3 the circumstances around that purchase.</p> <p>4 Q What is your general recollection?</p> <p>5 A That the seller was Morgan Stanley or</p> <p>6 Merrill Lynch. A bulge bracket bank. I don't</p> <p>7 remember much more than that.</p> <p>8 Q Not a Highland-affiliated entity?</p> <p>9 A Not that I recall.</p> <p>10 Q Do you recall anything else about the</p> <p>11 circumstances around those purchases?</p> <p>12 A I don't.</p> <p>13 Q There's also a line here for Investment at</p> <p>14 Cost and then it says SS Holdings. Do you see</p> <p>15 that?</p> <p>16 A Yes, I do. I do.</p> <p>17 Q Do you know what an investment at cost is?</p> <p>18 A At a high level.</p> <p>19 Q At a high level, what is that?</p> <p>20 A I think you would mark the investment at</p> <p>21 what it cost you not to mark it. I could be</p> <p>22 wrong. I could be wrong.</p> <p>23 Q Do you have any investment background?</p> <p>24 A Not directly, no, not -- not to speak</p> <p>25 authoritatively on a term of art like that. I</p>	<p>100</p> <p>1 Q Okay. And so you've also seen before</p> <p>2 reports from this independent auditor regarding</p> <p>3 Sentinel?</p> <p>4 A I'm sure I have.</p> <p>5 Q This document reflects that the auditor is</p> <p>6 providing a qualified opinion. Do you have a</p> <p>7 general understanding of what that means?</p> <p>8 A Generally.</p> <p>9 Q What does that mean?</p> <p>10 A There is an issue that they feel the need</p> <p>11 to articulate to make sure that the -- that their</p> <p>12 findings and that their report are as accurate as</p> <p>13 possible.</p> <p>14 Q And then at the middle of this page, they</p> <p>15 describe the basis for that qualified opinion,</p> <p>16 right?</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>18 A That's what it says.</p> <p>19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>20 Q And they refer to the group's investment</p> <p>21 in SeaOne Holdings, LLC, and then in the second</p> <p>22 sentence of that paragraph under Basis for</p> <p>23 Qualified Opinion, they say: We were unable to</p> <p>24 obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence for</p> <p>25 the carrying amount and classification of the</p>

<p>101</p> <p>1 Group's Investment in SeaOne Holdings, LLC as at 2 December 31st, 2016. 3 And then I'm not going to read the rest of 4 the sentence, which is very lengthy. 5 Do you know what Sentinel's investment was 6 in SeaOne Holdings? 7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 8 A I don't remember the exact amount. 9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 10 Q Do you know what SeaOne Holdings is? 11 A It's a liquid natural gas company. 12 Q In the United States? 13 A Yes. 14 Q Do you know why Sentinel invested in a 15 liquid natural gas company in the United States? 16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 17 A I don't recall -- I don't recall the 18 reasoning. I know nothing -- I know next to 19 nothing about the company, so I don't know. 20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 21 Q Did you have any involvement in that 22 investment? 23 A I did, insofar as connecting the company 24 with Sentinel and essentially facilitating the 25 investment. So I'd largely considered clerical,</p>	<p>103</p> <p>1 A I can't be certain. I don't know. 2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 3 Q At the time you left Highland, did 4 Sentinel still have an investment in those CLOs? 5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 6 A I had not reviewed financials or an 7 investment portfolio on Sentinel in quite some 8 time. So I don't want to represent to that time. 9 I know at one point they did. I can't -- I don't 10 want to speak to more current times. 11 MS. TOMKOWIAK: I have some more questions 12 about this document, but we need to switch out the 13 videotape, so we can -- let's take a short break 14 to do that. 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This ends disk 1. The 16 time is 11:45 a.m. We are off the record. 17 (Recess taken from 11:45 a.m. CDT to 18 11:57 a.m. CDT) 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins disk No. 2 20 in the videotaped deposition of Jean Paul Sevilla. 21 The time is 11:57 a.m. We are back on the record. 22 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Before we get back to the 23 questioning, I wanted to do just two housekeeping 24 things on the record. One, I just wanted to note 25 that Mr. Feinstein has a copy of these exhibits so</p>
<p>102</p> <p>1 connecting the -- I guess the CFO of SeaOne with 2 the directors of Sentinel and then essentially 3 closing -- consummating the investment. 4 Q Who are the directors at Sentinel that 5 you're referring to at this time? 6 A When was this? At the time of SeaOne -- 7 Q Uh-huh. 8 A -- investment? 9 Q Yeah. 10 A I want to say one gentleman was Andrew 11 Dean and then Christopher Watkins -- Andrew Dean 12 and then there was a second one, but I'm fuzzy on 13 the name. 14 Q To the best of your recollection, does 15 Sentinel still have this investment in SeaOne 16 Holdings? 17 A I don't know. 18 Q Do you know if this company still exists? 19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 20 A I do believe it still exists. 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q Same question for the CLOs that we looked 23 at before, do you know whether Sentinel still has 24 that investment in those CLOs? 25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>	<p>104</p> <p>1 that when he -- he's been provided with a copy of 2 them so that when he's making these privilege 3 determinations, he is doing so with a copy of the 4 document, in case that wasn't -- 5 MR. FEINSTEIN: I can confirm that. 6 MS. TOMKOWIAK: In case that wasn't clear, 7 for the record. And then second, with respect to 8 Exhibit 26, we did want to note that there are two 9 black boxes on that document and that is because 10 we redacted Mr. Ellington and Mr. Dondero's Social 11 Security numbers. So you asked if that was 12 exactly how it was -- you know, if that attachment 13 was exactly what was attached to the e-mail. So 14 with that caveat that we redacted for their 15 confidential information. Yes. 16 MS. SMITH: Okay. 17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 18 Q So, Mr. Sevilla, one quick question about 19 SAS. When you -- if somebody called SAS, did that 20 call go to the Cayman Islands or was it routed to 21 Highland's office in Texas? 22 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 23 A I don't know. 24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 25 Q You don't remember?</p>

<p>105</p> <p>1 A I don't remember.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Did you ever answer the phone on</p> <p>3 behalf of SAS?</p> <p>4 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>5 A I did not.</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q Do you know who did?</p> <p>8 A I do not.</p> <p>9 Q If you look at -- if you turn to page 2230</p> <p>10 of this document, it's page 7 but Bates-numbered</p> <p>11 2230. At the bottom of the page it says there's a</p> <p>12 supplemental noncash disclosure. Well, I think</p> <p>13 disclosure is spelled wrong, but it should say</p> <p>14 disclosure, and then it says settlement of demand</p> <p>15 note with dividend. Do you know what that's</p> <p>16 referring to?</p> <p>17 A No, I don't.</p> <p>18 Q If you look at the next page that's ending</p> <p>19 in 2231.</p> <p>20 A Okay.</p> <p>21 Q This first paragraph is providing a little</p> <p>22 bit of background information about Sentinel and</p> <p>23 it says in the second paragraph that the company</p> <p>24 provides directors and officers (D&O) coverage to</p> <p>25 SAS Asset Recovery structure and its subsidiaries</p>	<p>107</p> <p>1 there were policies that were provided outside of</p> <p>2 that structure?</p> <p>3 A I don't recall exactly.</p> <p>4 Q And if you look at page 13, which is Bates</p> <p>5 ending in 2236, Note 5 is titled Related Party</p> <p>6 Transactions. And it says: As outlined in</p> <p>7 Note 1, the Group issues insurance coverage to</p> <p>8 policyholders under common ownership and therefore</p> <p>9 all insurance-related transactions are with</p> <p>10 related parties.</p> <p>11 Do you agree with that?</p> <p>12 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>13 A I agree that's what it says.</p> <p>14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>15 Q Well, do you agree that Sentinel issued</p> <p>16 coverage to policy owners under common ownership?</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>18 A I don't want to opine on what common</p> <p>19 ownership means in Cayman, so I'll leave it as to</p> <p>20 what it says. I don't have any further knowledge.</p> <p>21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>22 Q So you don't know one way or the other if</p> <p>23 Sentinel's insurance-related transactions with SAS</p> <p>24 Asset Recovery were with related parties?</p> <p>25 A I think, based on this, it's the position</p>
<p>106</p> <p>1 (SAS).</p> <p>2 Is that consistent with the understanding</p> <p>3 that you articulated earlier in your testimony?</p> <p>4 A Yes. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q And then it says that effective March 1st,</p> <p>6 2015, limits of D&O coverage were US\$5 million per</p> <p>7 occurrence. Do you see that?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q Is that consistent with your recollection</p> <p>10 of the types of policies and coverage that</p> <p>11 Sentinel provided to the SAS entities?</p> <p>12 A Generally, yes.</p> <p>13 Q And again, to the best of your knowledge,</p> <p>14 SAS -- I'm sorry, Sentinel did not provide</p> <p>15 coverage to any entities outside of the SAS</p> <p>16 structure?</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>18 A I'm not -- I don't recall exactly. By SAS</p> <p>19 structure, you mean? I know there were universal</p> <p>20 policies. I don't know exactly which entities</p> <p>21 were covered, so I don't want to...</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q Okay. Yeah, when I say SAS Asset Recovery</p> <p>24 structure, I was just reading from here. Again,</p> <p>25 to the best of your knowledge, you don't know if</p>	<p>108</p> <p>1 that the auditor took.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Who would be most knowledgeable</p> <p>3 about Sentinel's financials?</p> <p>4 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>5 A Its auditors.</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q Its auditors?</p> <p>8 A I would think so.</p> <p>9 Q So those would be the folks at Crowe</p> <p>10 Horwath?</p> <p>11 A I don't know who -- what firm Sentinel</p> <p>12 uses today. It appears this was issued by that</p> <p>13 firm, Crowe.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. I'm going to hand you what we are</p> <p>15 going to mark as Exhibit 53, I believe.</p> <p>16 (Deposition Exhibit 53 marked for</p> <p>17 identification.)</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q Let me know when you're ready.</p> <p>20 (Witness reviews document.)</p> <p>21 A Okay.</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q Okay. So this is an e-mail from -- the</p> <p>24 top of the e-mail chain is an e-mail from</p> <p>25 Mr. Leventon to Mr. DiOrio with a copy to you and</p>

<p>109</p> <p>1 Ms. Irving. He's forwarding a legal rep letter 2 and the subject is FW: Sentinel Re - Legal Rep. 3 If you look a couple of e-mails down, Mr. Kemp 4 sends an e-mail to Mr. Leventon and he says: I'm 5 the auditor working on the Sentinel Re engagement 6 for the year ended December of 2018, and then he 7 asks for an update as to any actions that occurred 8 during 2018 and asked when do you believe the 9 issues will be wrapped up by the courts. 10 Do you believe that Mr. Kemp is referring 11 to the UBS litigation? 12 A I don't know. 13 Q Okay. At this point in time, Sentinel had 14 already issued the ATE policy that covered the UBS 15 litigation that we briefly spoke about earlier; is 16 that right? 17 A At which -- sorry, at which point? 18 Q In May 24, 2019. 19 A Yes. 20 Q Okay. And at this point in time, UBS -- 21 are you aware that the trial between UBS and 22 Highland had occurred? 23 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 24 A I was not. 25</p>	<p>111</p> <p>1 judgment? 2 A I don't. 3 Q Okay. Who would be the primary persons in 4 charge of providing the auditors with the 5 information that they would request about 6 Sentinel? 7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 8 A Sorry, say -- who would provide the 9 auditors information requested about Sentinel? 10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 11 Q Yes. 12 A I don't know. I mean, the -- I don't 13 know. The directors I assume would manage 14 information flow. I don't know who would answer 15 what or what you -- exactly you're referring to, 16 as far as updates or information and it's pretty 17 broad. 18 Q Sure. I mean, like we looked at an 19 exhibit earlier where the auditor said that they 20 were unable to obtain sufficient information, and 21 now we have an e-mail that's being sent to 22 Mr. Leventon asking for information regarding the 23 Sentinel audit. 24 So my question is, who, if you know, would 25 be the persons responsible for responding to those</p>
<p>110</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Okay. Were you involved in that trial at 3 all? 4 A No. 5 Q And then Mr. Kemp sends Mr. Leventon 6 another e-mail about a year later, June 16th, 7 2020, again, trying to wrap up the audit and 8 asking for a brief update on what happened during 9 that year. Are you aware that at this time -- by 10 this time UBS had obtained a \$1.2 billion judgment 11 against Highland? 12 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 13 A I don't remember the exact timing of when 14 that happened, but I have a general recollection 15 that it happened. 16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 17 Q And I should be more precise. It was 18 actually a judgment against certain of Highland's 19 funds, but with that -- with that -- 20 A Again, I don't have specific knowledge 21 about what was awarded to whom or the exact 22 timing. I have a general recollection that there 23 was a verdict of some sort. 24 Q Okay. Do you know whether Sentinel's 25 auditors were provided information regarding that</p>	<p>112</p> <p>1 types of inquiries from Sentinel's auditors? 2 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 3 A Depends when you're asking temporally. I 4 don't have personal knowledge of, for example, 5 this time frame. I don't know what the 6 information flow would have been. 7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 8 Q And is that true in 2017 as well? 9 A I had been asked in 2017 for information 10 and so I would have answered questions to the 11 extent they were posed to me, which they were a 12 few times, but I don't know the entire universe of 13 who was providing what. 14 Q So who posed questions to you in 2017? 15 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 16 A And I'm sorry, let's narrow this. When 17 you say information, we're referring to what? 18 What are you referring to? 19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 20 Q Information relevant to the audit of 21 Sentinel. 22 A I recall being asked by the administrator. 23 Q Who was the administrator? 24 A Beecher Carlson Cayman. 25 Q So Beecher Carlson was the administrator</p>

<p>113</p> <p>1 of Sentinel; is that what you're saying?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q And you recall that they would reach out</p> <p>4 to you with questions relating to the audit of</p> <p>5 Sentinel?</p> <p>6 A They had in the past.</p> <p>7 Q In what time frame?</p> <p>8 A Over the course of 2012 through -- I mean,</p> <p>9 at different times, but starting in 2012.</p> <p>10 Q Through approximately when?</p> <p>11 A '17 I would say.</p> <p>12 Q Do you know why they stopped reaching out</p> <p>13 to you for questions after 2017?</p> <p>14 A I don't. I don't.</p> <p>15 Q Did your role change?</p> <p>16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>17 A My role with respect to what?</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q To your duties at Highland. Did anything</p> <p>20 about your role change such that you would no</p> <p>21 longer be the person who would provide them with</p> <p>22 that information that they requested from you?</p> <p>23 A I mean, I ended up working on a range of</p> <p>24 matters over my time at Highland, so I don't know</p> <p>25 if my role would have changed. I just know that</p>	<p>115</p> <p>1 the following table with the likely outcomes of</p> <p>2 the case.</p> <p>3 Do you see that sentence?</p> <p>4 A Yes.</p> <p>5 Q Do you know who the actuary is?</p> <p>6 A I don't recall.</p> <p>7 Q And by the case, looking at this chart,</p> <p>8 does this look like it refers to the UBS matter?</p> <p>9 A I don't want to speculate.</p> <p>10 Q Is there any other -- any other litigation</p> <p>11 that Highland had going on at the time related to</p> <p>12 synthetic warehouse losses?</p> <p>13 A I have no personal knowledge. I don't</p> <p>14 want to -- I don't know.</p> <p>15 Q And in the column that says expected</p> <p>16 payout, do you know, payout, from whom is that</p> <p>17 referring to; do you know?</p> <p>18 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>19 A I'm sorry, I'm not -- where is that?</p> <p>20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>21 Q Sure. In the chart there's -- the header</p> <p>22 is Outcome Probability and then Expected Payout is</p> <p>23 the last column.</p> <p>24 A Oh, no, I -- no, I don't know.</p> <p>25 Q And when Mr. Kemp says to Mr. Leventon in</p>
<p>114</p> <p>1 the questions stopped -- I stopped receiving the</p> <p>2 questions. Yeah.</p> <p>3 Q What types of questions did they ask?</p> <p>4 A I recall there had been questions about --</p> <p>5 for example, in 2013 or '14, there had been</p> <p>6 questions about distributions from CLOs and so I</p> <p>7 would connect them with the indentured trustee,</p> <p>8 for example. That sort of connecting information</p> <p>9 flow.</p> <p>10 Q Distributions from CLOs to Sentinel?</p> <p>11 A Uh-huh. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q The CLOs that we looked at earlier or</p> <p>13 different CLOs?</p> <p>14 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>15 A I don't remember which exact ones. I just</p> <p>16 remember that as an example of being asked a</p> <p>17 question at Highland with respect to Sentinel.</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q Grayson or Greenbriar?</p> <p>20 A Could have been any of those.</p> <p>21 Q Do you know why Mr. Leventon is forwarding</p> <p>22 this to you?</p> <p>23 A I don't.</p> <p>24 Q In the first -- in the June 16th e-mail,</p> <p>25 Mr. Kemp references an actuary who has provided</p>	<p>116</p> <p>1 that second sentence there -- or the sentence</p> <p>2 after point 2, per their report, you have agreed</p> <p>3 that these estimates are reasonable.</p> <p>4 Do you know if that's referring to anybody</p> <p>5 besides Mr. Leventon?</p> <p>6 A I don't have personal knowledge of the</p> <p>7 e-mail. I don't know.</p> <p>8 Q You don't recall today, as we sit here</p> <p>9 today, getting a copy of this e-mail in June of</p> <p>10 last year?</p> <p>11 A I'm just not agreeing or disagreeing with</p> <p>12 what Kemp tells -- Kemp says in this e-mail.</p> <p>13 Q Did you -- do you recall agreeing at the</p> <p>14 time that any of these estimates were reasonable?</p> <p>15 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>16 A I don't recall that. I was never asked</p> <p>17 any of that.</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q And just to be clear, because I'm not sure</p> <p>20 that it is clear, do you recall receiving this in</p> <p>21 June of 2020?</p> <p>22 A I'm CC'd on a lot of e-mails. I don't --</p> <p>23 I believe I got it. I don't recall exactly</p> <p>24 getting it.</p> <p>25 Q Do you recall that during this time</p>

<p>117</p> <p>1 period, any analysis of the likely outcomes of the</p> <p>2 UBS matter in June of 2020?</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>4 A I have no personal knowledge or</p> <p>5 recollection of that.</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q Did you have any role in preparing legal</p> <p>8 rep letters?</p> <p>9 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>12 Q Do you know what a legal rep letter is?</p> <p>13 A Generally.</p> <p>14 Q And with respect to Sentinel, did you have</p> <p>15 any role preparing legal rep letters?</p> <p>16 A Not that I recall.</p> <p>17 Q After 2016 who -- who would have</p> <p>18 Sentinel's financial statements and audits for</p> <p>19 2017 through the present?</p> <p>20 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>21 A I don't know. Sentinel.</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q Meaning its directors?</p> <p>24 A I don't know.</p> <p>25 Q You can set that aside. Okay. Let's talk</p>	<p>119</p> <p>1 A Christopher Watler.</p> <p>2 Q And then you also mentioned Highland</p> <p>3 personnel. Who from Highland worked on the</p> <p>4 Sentinel UBS policy?</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>6 A I don't -- I don't want to speak to -- I</p> <p>7 don't know the entire universe. I recall working</p> <p>8 with the compliance team, the accounting team.</p> <p>9 Maples and Calder also was outside counsel that</p> <p>10 worked on the matter. The accounting team,</p> <p>11 trading and settlement team, I believe the tax</p> <p>12 team.</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q Let's take those in turn. So who's on the</p> <p>15 compliance team that you recall working on the UBS</p> <p>16 policy with?</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>18 A Mr. Surgent was the chief compliance</p> <p>19 officer. I don't know who else he may have worked</p> <p>20 with, but I recall working with him on sort of</p> <p>21 compliance approval.</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q Compliance approval generally or</p> <p>24 compliance approval of the -- what I'll refer to</p> <p>25 today as the UBS policy? Do you understand what I</p>
<p>118</p> <p>1 about the ATE policy that Sentinel issued in</p> <p>2 connection with the UBS litigation. What role did</p> <p>3 you have in procuring that policy?</p> <p>4 A In procuring the policy?</p> <p>5 Q Yeah.</p> <p>6 A I worked with outside counsel. I had a</p> <p>7 general understanding of what the goal was. I</p> <p>8 worked with outside counsel, the administrator,</p> <p>9 the board -- the directors, Highland personnel, in</p> <p>10 connection with that being put into place.</p> <p>11 Q Who's outside counsel?</p> <p>12 A Solomon Harris.</p> <p>13 Q Anyone else?</p> <p>14 A Not that I recall.</p> <p>15 Q Who is the administrator? Is that Beecher</p> <p>16 Carlson?</p> <p>17 A Beecher Carlson Cayman.</p> <p>18 Q The directors, do you mean the directors</p> <p>19 of Sentinel?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q And then who were they in August of 2017,</p> <p>22 if you recall?</p> <p>23 A Again, the name I remember is Andrew Dean.</p> <p>24 I don't remember the other person's name.</p> <p>25 Q Christopher Watler?</p>	<p>120</p> <p>1 mean by that?</p> <p>2 A I don't know the distinction you're trying</p> <p>3 to draw.</p> <p>4 Q With the policy or with respect to</p> <p>5 approval? Let's back up.</p> <p>6 A Sorry.</p> <p>7 Q That's okay. That's all right. So you</p> <p>8 said that Mr. Surgent was the chief compliance</p> <p>9 officer, right?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q And you recall working with him on sort of</p> <p>12 compliance approval?</p> <p>13 A Oh, okay. Yeah.</p> <p>14 Q Were you referring to compliance approvals</p> <p>15 in general or were you referring to compliance</p> <p>16 approval of the Sentinel policy that was issued in</p> <p>17 connection with the UBS matter?</p> <p>18 A Compliance approval of the transaction in</p> <p>19 the Sentinel policy.</p> <p>20 Q So you recall that Mr. Surgent approved</p> <p>21 that?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q Did he do that orally? Did he do that in</p> <p>24 writing? Do you recall how he approved that?</p> <p>25 A I believe both ways.</p>

<p>121</p> <p>1 Q Did he do that to you personally or was 2 that just your understanding? 3 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 4 A I remember personally being in a meeting 5 where he approved of the transaction. 6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 7 Q And when you say the transaction, what do 8 you mean by that? 9 A The UBS ATE policy. 10 Q Tell me everything you remember about that 11 meeting. 12 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 13 A I believe Mr. Ellington was present. I 14 believe -- 15 MS. SMITH: Before you answer anything, 16 this sounds like it's going to go into an area 17 that might be privileged, so I want to make sure 18 that Mr. Feinstein is fine with this line of 19 questioning and waives the privilege on behalf of 20 the debtor. 21 MR. FEINSTEIN: To the extent that the 22 privilege may apply to these conversations, we 23 would not assert. 24 A Yeah, I believe Mr. Ellington was present, 25 representatives from the accounting and tax -- or</p>	<p>123</p> <p>1 A Where, in the Highland offices? 2 Q Yeah. 3 A Do you know the Highland offices? 4 Q I don't. That's why I'm asking. 5 A In the Highland offices. It's one of the 6 larger conference rooms at Highland. 7 Q How many floors does Highland have on -- 8 A Just one. 9 Q Just one? 10 A Yeah. 11 Q Okay. So it's one of the main conference 12 rooms -- 13 A That's right. 14 Q -- on Highland's only floor? 15 A That's correct. 16 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Apologies. Sorry. 17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 18 Q So this meeting took place in the 19 Bois d'Arc conference room. Whose office was that 20 conference room near? 21 A I think the closest office would have been 22 Mr. Surgent's. 23 Q Okay. Was Mr. Ellington next door? 24 A Mr. Ellington -- 25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>
<p>122</p> <p>1 accounting team, excuse me. 2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 3 Q Who was that? 4 A I don't recall exactly. Mr. Stoops, plus 5 another individual, I believe. I was present. 6 And I don't recall if there was an additional 7 person from the compliance team. There may have 8 been, but I don't recall specifically. 9 Q Anybody from the tax team? 10 A Not that I recall. 11 Q Was Rick Swadley there? 12 A Not that I recall. 13 Q Okay. So to the best of your 14 recollection, the people in the room were 15 Mr. Surgent, Mr. Ellington, Mr. Stoops, you, one 16 other individual who worked with Mr. Stoops and 17 possibly one other individual who worked with 18 Mr. Surgent; is that right? 19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 20 A I believe that's right. 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q Where did this meeting take place? 23 A In the -- at Highland offices in the Bois 24 d'Arc conference room. 25 Q Where is the Bois d'Arc conference room?</p>	<p>124</p> <p>1 A Mr. Ellington's office is next door to 2 Mr. Surgent's. 3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 4 Q What about Mr. Stoops? Where did he sit 5 at the time in relation to that conference room? 6 A Farther away. On kind of a different wing 7 of the building, let's call it. 8 Q Do you recall when this meeting took 9 place? 10 A I don't recall the exact date. 11 Q Are you able to estimate it as it relates 12 to the date of the insurance policy? 13 A I would estimate July of 2017. 14 Q Do you recall what day of the week this 15 was? 16 A I don't. 17 Q Do you recall approximately what time this 18 meeting took place? 19 A I don't. 20 Q Do you recall if it was in the morning? 21 A I don't. I don't recall the time of day. 22 Q Do you recall approximately how long it 23 lasted? 24 A I recall it being somewhat involved and 25 then spilling over into Mr. Surgent's office</p>

<p>125</p> <p>1 afterwards, directly, where Mr. Ellington and I</p> <p>2 sat with Mr. Sargent. I think -- no less than</p> <p>3 one hour, I think, in total.</p> <p>4 Q So just to be clear, no less than one hour</p> <p>5 meeting in the conference room?</p> <p>6 A Correct.</p> <p>7 Q And then you said it spilled over to</p> <p>8 Mr. Sargent's office. And in that meeting is it</p> <p>9 your recollection that that was only you,</p> <p>10 Mr. Ellington and Mr. Sargent?</p> <p>11 A That's my recollection.</p> <p>12 Q And do you recall how long you met with</p> <p>13 those other -- two other individuals?</p> <p>14 A I don't.</p> <p>15 Q More than an hour?</p> <p>16 A I don't recall.</p> <p>17 Q Who organized this meeting?</p> <p>18 A I don't recall who set the -- who set the</p> <p>19 meeting.</p> <p>20 Q Did you?</p> <p>21 A It's possible.</p> <p>22 Q Do you recall how you did that? Was that</p> <p>23 by e-mail? Did you go around to people's offices</p> <p>24 and just say, hey, can we have a meeting?</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>	<p>127</p> <p>1 potentially weeks, but I don't recall exactly how</p> <p>2 much in advance I learned about it.</p> <p>3 Q Who told you about it?</p> <p>4 A About?</p> <p>5 Q The policy.</p> <p>6 A Mr. Ellington.</p> <p>7 Q Anybody else?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q And I want to come back to that. As to</p> <p>10 the other people in the room, was everybody else</p> <p>11 in the room aware of the policy and the</p> <p>12 transaction underlying the policy prior to this</p> <p>13 meeting?</p> <p>14 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>15 A I don't know what anyone else knew at any</p> <p>16 given moment. I knew I had previous knowledge of</p> <p>17 it.</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q So based on what happened in the meeting,</p> <p>20 you didn't learn one way or the other if this was</p> <p>21 anybody else's first time hearing about that?</p> <p>22 A I don't recall remembering -- I don't</p> <p>23 remember that being the case.</p> <p>24 Q And you said that you learned about it</p> <p>25 from Mr. Ellington. Was that in a -- well, how</p>
<p>126</p> <p>1 A I don't recall exactly how it came</p> <p>2 together. It could have been an admin sending</p> <p>3 around a calendar. I don't recall.</p> <p>4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>5 Q Who decided who to invite to the meeting?</p> <p>6 A I don't recall. I don't recall, but the</p> <p>7 meeting focused on the compliance component of it,</p> <p>8 so by definition, the sort of compliance</p> <p>9 department needed to be there. I don't recall --</p> <p>10 again, I don't recall who set the meeting. I just</p> <p>11 recall it happening.</p> <p>12 Q What was the purpose of the meeting?</p> <p>13 A To ensure that there were no compliance</p> <p>14 issues related to the policy, to make sure there</p> <p>15 was approval, necessary compliance approval,</p> <p>16 concerning the policy, the transaction.</p> <p>17 Q Was this meeting the first time that you</p> <p>18 learned of the ATE policy?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q When did you first hear about that?</p> <p>21 A I don't recall the exact date, but prior</p> <p>22 to that.</p> <p>23 Q Do you have an estimate? A couple days</p> <p>24 before that? Weeks before that?</p> <p>25 A I would say -- I would say several days or</p>	<p>128</p> <p>1 did you learn about it from Mr. Ellington?</p> <p>2 A I believe he was in the office and he came</p> <p>3 by my desk.</p> <p>4 Q Again, days or weeks prior to this</p> <p>5 meeting?</p> <p>6 A Yes. I don't -- I mean, it could have</p> <p>7 been weeks. I don't recall exactly the gap in</p> <p>8 time, let's call it.</p> <p>9 Q But it was -- you recall that it was an</p> <p>10 oral conversation?</p> <p>11 A It was.</p> <p>12 Q Was anybody else present?</p> <p>13 A Not that I remember.</p> <p>14 Q Do you recall how long that conversation</p> <p>15 lasted?</p> <p>16 A Twenty, 30 minutes.</p> <p>17 Q What did Mr. Ellington say?</p> <p>18 A He just made me aware that the intention</p> <p>19 was to create an ATE policy, an after-the-event</p> <p>20 policy relating to the UBS case and that Sentinel</p> <p>21 would be the insurance company.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And when you say with respect to</p> <p>23 the UBS case, do you mean that the intention was</p> <p>24 to create an insurance policy that would cover</p> <p>25 Highland's liability to UBS in connection with the</p>

<p>129</p> <p>1 litigation in the New York State court?</p> <p>2 MS. SMITH: This is getting into an area</p> <p>3 that may be privileged. Again, I just want to</p> <p>4 make sure that Mr. Feinstein and the debtor is not</p> <p>5 objecting to this or the debtor's going to waive</p> <p>6 the privilege as to this.</p> <p>7 MR. FEINSTEIN: You keep speaking in terms</p> <p>8 of waiver, and I guess maybe we're talking past</p> <p>9 one another. With respect to many of these</p> <p>10 conversations, it's more than arguable that the</p> <p>11 privilege doesn't apply. And I'm sure you're well</p> <p>12 aware of the exceptions to the attorney-client</p> <p>13 privilege. So if you hear me object, you can</p> <p>14 assume that I have a problem with the question</p> <p>15 being asked. If I don't object, I would suggest</p> <p>16 that you let counsel continue with the deposition.</p> <p>17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>18 Q Do you want me to repeat my question?</p> <p>19 A Sure, please.</p> <p>20 Q Do you mean that the intention was to</p> <p>21 create an insurance policy that would cover</p> <p>22 Highland's liability to UBS in connection with the</p> <p>23 litigation in state court?</p> <p>24 A That wasn't -- that overarching strategy</p> <p>25 or end that you're describing was not part of a</p>	<p>131</p> <p>1 A I don't recall hearing that. No, I don't</p> <p>2 think that's the case. I believe it was just</p> <p>3 related to the UBS action.</p> <p>4 Q Had Sentinel ever issued an</p> <p>5 after-the-event policy before?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q So this was the first?</p> <p>8 A This was the first.</p> <p>9 Q Going back to the meeting. So you said</p> <p>10 that it occurred -- I'm sorry, you said that it</p> <p>11 lasted just over an hour?</p> <p>12 A Again, rough estimate. I remember --</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. Which</p> <p>14 meeting are we on now?</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q The meeting that you estimated occurred in</p> <p>17 July 2017 in the Bois d'Arc conference room.</p> <p>18 A I remember it being a lengthy meeting. I</p> <p>19 don't recall the exact time.</p> <p>20 Q What happened during the meeting?</p> <p>21 A The policy was discussed, the -- sort of</p> <p>22 the compliance component included whether -- or</p> <p>23 compliance approval of a -- of a transaction of a</p> <p>24 policy that was being written by an insurance</p> <p>25 company in which Mr. Dondero and Ellington had an</p>
<p>130</p> <p>1 conversation that I had with Mr. Ellington.</p> <p>2 Q So I don't understand. What was the</p> <p>3 purpose? What did Mr. Ellington tell you was the</p> <p>4 purpose of getting an insurance policy?</p> <p>5 A That the intention of the policy would be</p> <p>6 to essentially have Sentinel issue a policy to</p> <p>7 insure the defendants in the UBS case.</p> <p>8 Q To insure the defendants in the UBS case</p> <p>9 against losses that they incurred in connection</p> <p>10 with the UBS case, right?</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>12 A Insure defendants in the UBS case related</p> <p>13 to the litigation. I didn't -- again, the</p> <p>14 overarching strategy or the -- we didn't get into</p> <p>15 that. That's not something we discussed or I</p> <p>16 asked about.</p> <p>17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>18 Q Did you ask whether there was a pending</p> <p>19 settlement on the horizon of the UBS case?</p> <p>20 A I did not.</p> <p>21 Q Did you know whether there was?</p> <p>22 A No, I did not know. I do not know.</p> <p>23 Q Was it your understanding that the policy</p> <p>24 was intended to cover any other matter other than</p> <p>25 the UBS litigation?</p>	<p>132</p> <p>1 interest, whether the policy was acceptable from a</p> <p>2 compliance perspective, things of that nature.</p> <p>3 Q So what is the compliance component of</p> <p>4 that transaction?</p> <p>5 A Again, I -- well, I think the compliance</p> <p>6 component largely turned on whether Sentinel was</p> <p>7 some sort of affiliate or related party and</p> <p>8 whether there was a conflict of interest and</p> <p>9 whether from -- and again, I don't know the entire</p> <p>10 regulatory framework applicable. I don't want to</p> <p>11 say -- represent that I was in the compliance --</p> <p>12 on the compliance team, but the acceptability and</p> <p>13 the -- whether there were any compliance issues</p> <p>14 related to the policy being put into place.</p> <p>15 Q Related to this being a related party</p> <p>16 transaction?</p> <p>17 A Potential --</p> <p>18 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>19 A Potentially. That was one of the</p> <p>20 questions.</p> <p>21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>22 Q Well, was that question answered during</p> <p>23 the meeting?</p> <p>24 A I believe so.</p> <p>25 Q And what was the answer?</p>

<p>133</p> <p>1 A That Sentinel was not an affiliate under 2 common control with Highland. 3 Q Who reached that conclusion? 4 A I believe Mr. Surgent did. 5 Q Anybody else? 6 A I don't recall. 7 Q And to the best of your recollection, 8 was -- well, start with -- Mr. Surgent aware 9 that -- aware of Mr. Dondero and Mr. Ellington's, 10 I'll say relationship to Sentinel? 11 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 12 A I believe so. 13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 14 Q To the best of your recollection, was 15 everybody in the room aware of that fact? 16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 17 A I believe so. 18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 19 Q You say that's what you were discussing, 20 so if everybody was in the room, they would have 21 heard that discussion, right? 22 A Yes, I think that's correct. 23 Q Why was Mr. Stoops in the room? 24 A My recollection is he -- he could speak to 25 the, sort of trading and settlement component to</p>	<p>135</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q As it relates to this -- let me just be 3 clear. As it relates to this insurance policy and 4 transaction. 5 A In July 2017 -- July, August 2017 time 6 frame. 7 Q July, August 2017? 8 A Ms. Thedford, Lauren Thedford. I believe 9 that's it. 10 Q Okay. And then the same question with 11 respect to accounting. Who did you work on in 12 accounting -- who did you work with in accounting 13 related to this policy and transaction? 14 A Mr. Stoops. A gentleman named Carter 15 Chism. He was more on the trading and settlement 16 side, but I sort of consider that part of the 17 accounting function. 18 Q And anybody else? 19 A Those are the two I recall. Possibly 20 others, but I'm not remembering exactly. 21 Q Anybody else from the trading settlement 22 group? 23 A I'm forgetting some of the gentlemen's 24 names, but, yes, others. There was a gentleman on 25 the retail side. Mr. Fuentes, I believe,</p>
<p>134</p> <p>1 the assets being transferred to Sentinel in 2 connection with the policy. And I think he had -- 3 he was the person who had the most accounting 4 knowledge and background on some of these 5 defendant entities. 6 Q Did you ask Mr. Stoops to do anything 7 during that meeting? 8 A I don't recall. I don't think so. 9 Q You mentioned earlier that -- when we were 10 talking about Highland personnel, you talked about 11 Mr. Surgent, you talked about accounting, you 12 talked about trading and settlement and tax. 13 Outside of the individuals that we have discussed 14 were at this meeting, who else falls within that 15 group of people that you worked on with respect to 16 this policy? 17 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 18 A I don't understand the question. Can 19 you -- 20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 21 Q Sure. Let me just break it down. So who 22 did you work on it from the compliance group 23 besides Mr. Surgent? 24 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 25</p>	<p>136</p> <p>1 addressed some settlement questions. I believe 2 that's it. 3 Q Who did you work with on this policy and 4 transaction from the tax group? 5 A Mr. Swadley and Mr. Patrick. 6 Q Anybody else? 7 A Not that I recall. 8 Q Okay. And then you said that in this 9 meeting in the conference room, that a conclusion 10 was reached with respect to whether this was a 11 conflict of interest; is that fair? 12 A Whether there was compliance approval. 13 Q Well, let me back up. 14 So I think you said that there was a 15 question about whether or not doing this 16 particular type of transaction with Sentinel, 17 because of Mr. Ellington and Mr. Dondero, 18 presented some type of -- I don't want to put 19 words in your mouth, but I think you said a 20 conflict of interest; is that right? 21 A That was one of the issues I think that 22 required compliance review. 23 Q Okay. And did they review that during 24 this meeting? 25 A During that meeting and during subsequent</p>

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<p>137</p> <p>1 meetings, yes.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. And what was the outcome of that</p> <p>3 review?</p> <p>4 A The conclusion was that the ATE policy</p> <p>5 wasn't an impermissible conflict of interest and</p> <p>6 there was compliance sort of approval that that</p> <p>7 was not -- that that was not a problem or that was</p> <p>8 not an issue that needed to somehow change the</p> <p>9 policy or the transaction.</p> <p>10 Q And who specifically reached that</p> <p>11 conclusion?</p> <p>12 A The compliance team, Mr. Surgent.</p> <p>13 Q Anybody else?</p> <p>14 A I don't know who he consulted. I wasn't</p> <p>15 privy; but as far as I knew, Mr. Surgent approved</p> <p>16 the transaction.</p> <p>17 Q During this meeting, was -- did anybody</p> <p>18 direct you or anybody else in the room to keep</p> <p>19 this policy a secret?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q Did anybody instruct you or anybody else</p> <p>22 in the room to keep the transaction a secret?</p> <p>23 A No, I don't remember that.</p> <p>24 Q Or to keep it confidential or limited to a</p> <p>25 small group of people in any way?</p>	<p>139</p> <p>1 Q So do you recall why Sentinel had applied</p> <p>2 years earlier to the regulators to write this kind</p> <p>3 of policy?</p> <p>4 A My recollection is that in the UK</p> <p>5 litigation funding industry, ATE is fairly common</p> <p>6 and in the SAS, the litigation funding business</p> <p>7 was encountering situations where this ATE concept</p> <p>8 was in play. I believe that's what resulted in</p> <p>9 Sentinel applying to be able to write this</p> <p>10 business.</p> <p>11 Q Do you recall approximately when Sentinel</p> <p>12 made that application?</p> <p>13 A 2015, perhaps. I don't recall exactly,</p> <p>14 but that -- I believe it was 2015.</p> <p>15 Q Were you involved in that application?</p> <p>16 A I was not directly involved. I had</p> <p>17 knowledge that it was occurring, but I was not</p> <p>18 directly involved.</p> <p>19 Q Do you know who was directly involved?</p> <p>20 A The directors, Beecher Carlson Cayman. I</p> <p>21 believe that's it.</p> <p>22 Q Do you know whether it was approved?</p> <p>23 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>24 A I understand that it was approved.</p> <p>25</p>
<p>138</p> <p>1 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>2 A No. I never considered it a secret.</p> <p>3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>4 Q Do you recall anything else about that</p> <p>5 meeting?</p> <p>6 A Other than the topics I mentioned were</p> <p>7 covered, there were subsequent meetings. But from</p> <p>8 that meeting, no, I remember the compliance</p> <p>9 approval component is what I remember most.</p> <p>10 Q And you also mentioned some discussion</p> <p>11 about the -- on the assets at the funds?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q Are there any other topics that you</p> <p>14 remember being discussed at that meeting?</p> <p>15 A Not that I recall.</p> <p>16 Q Did you have any experience with ATE</p> <p>17 policies prior to this?</p> <p>18 A I had knowledge of ATE policies because</p> <p>19 several years before, Sentinel applied to the</p> <p>20 regulator to write this sort of policy. And so I</p> <p>21 recall that process and I recall understanding in</p> <p>22 general what ATE is.</p> <p>23 Q But you said this was Sentinel's first ATE</p> <p>24 policy, right?</p> <p>25 A That's correct.</p>	<p>140</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Going back briefly to the meeting and</p> <p>3 Mr. Surgent's conclusion and approval. Did he say</p> <p>4 that directly during the meeting or did you hear</p> <p>5 that from someone else?</p> <p>6 A I heard it directly -- I don't know if</p> <p>7 there were subsequent meetings where he reiterated</p> <p>8 that, but I heard that from him during that</p> <p>9 meeting and the subsequent meeting in his office.</p> <p>10 Q And what was discussed at the subsequent</p> <p>11 meeting in Mr. Ellington's office -- I mean, I'm</p> <p>12 sorry, you said it was Mr. Surgent's office?</p> <p>13 A Mr. Surgent's office.</p> <p>14 Q Yeah. What was discussed at that meeting?</p> <p>15 A Specifics about the policy and the</p> <p>16 documentation. I think a rehash of what had been</p> <p>17 discussed in the broader meeting. But from my</p> <p>18 perspective, it was all sort of -- it was all the</p> <p>19 same topics that were being discussed, perhaps in</p> <p>20 different ways, but it was all the same universe</p> <p>21 of topics and kind of compliance approval</p> <p>22 components.</p> <p>23 Q Do you know why you met as a smaller group</p> <p>24 after the larger group meeting?</p> <p>25 A I don't recall. I kind of -- I believe I</p>

<p>141</p> <p>1 followed Mr. Ellington and Mr. Surgent.</p> <p>2 Q So to the best of your recollection, that</p> <p>3 just sort of happened informally; you guys just</p> <p>4 walked into Mr. Surgent's office?</p> <p>5 A I believe so.</p> <p>6 Q Do you know whether the funds who are</p> <p>7 insured under the policy got quotes from any other</p> <p>8 insurance companies?</p> <p>9 A I don't know.</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Sorry.</p> <p>12 A I don't know.</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q Was that discussed at either of the</p> <p>15 meetings that you described?</p> <p>16 A No.</p> <p>17 Q Did you ask whether you should get quotes</p> <p>18 from other insurance companies?</p> <p>19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>20 A I did not ask.</p> <p>21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>22 Q And who was going to negotiate this policy</p> <p>23 on behalf of Sentinel?</p> <p>24 A Sentinel had outside counsel drafting the</p> <p>25 policy and it also had its own directors and</p>	<p>143</p> <p>1 Q Okay. Ms. Irving?</p> <p>2 A I don't recall.</p> <p>3 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Why don't we take another</p> <p>4 break, if it's okay. Let's go off the record.</p> <p>5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12:49 p.m.</p> <p>6 We are off the record.</p> <p>7 (Recess taken from 12:49 p.m. CDT to</p> <p>8 1:39 p.m. CDT)</p> <p>9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 1:39 p.m.</p> <p>10 We are back on the record.</p> <p>11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>12 Q Mr. Sevilla, before lunch we were talking</p> <p>13 about a meeting that occurred in the Bois d'Arc</p> <p>14 conference room that you believe occurred around</p> <p>15 July 2017. Do you remember that?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q And you testified that you recall</p> <p>18 Mr. Ellington was in the room, Mr. Stoops was in</p> <p>19 the room, Mr. Surgent was in the room, you were in</p> <p>20 the room and then you believed that there might</p> <p>21 have been one other person with Mr. Stoops and one</p> <p>22 other person with Mr. Surgent in the room; is that</p> <p>23 right?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p> <p>25 Q And you don't have any recollection of who</p>
<p>142</p> <p>1 administrator.</p> <p>2 Q So at the time that you had this meeting,</p> <p>3 to the best of your recollection, was the policy</p> <p>4 already being drafted?</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>6 A Yes. It had been -- the proposed policy</p> <p>7 had been drafted by this point.</p> <p>8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>9 Q And how had that already happened?</p> <p>10 A Again, I had come to learn that the</p> <p>11 intention was for this policy to be put into</p> <p>12 place. Sentinel's outside counsel drafted the</p> <p>13 proposed policy and that was part and parcel to</p> <p>14 the meeting as approval of that policy.</p> <p>15 Q By outside counsel, do you mean Maples?</p> <p>16 A No. The Solomon Harris firm.</p> <p>17 Q So Solomon Harris is the one that drafted</p> <p>18 the policy?</p> <p>19 A Correct.</p> <p>20 Q Was Mr. DiOrio in the meeting in</p> <p>21 Mr. Surgent's office?</p> <p>22 A I don't think so. I don't recall him</p> <p>23 being in any of those meetings.</p> <p>24 Q How about Mr. Leventon?</p> <p>25 A I don't think so. I don't recall.</p>	<p>144</p> <p>1 those other two individuals were?</p> <p>2 A Yeah, it's a vague recollection and I</p> <p>3 don't remember who. And it -- I may be mistaken,</p> <p>4 but that's sort of my recollection is it was a</p> <p>5 larger group in that conference room.</p> <p>6 Q And you don't recall Mr. Leventon being</p> <p>7 there?</p> <p>8 A I don't.</p> <p>9 Q And you don't recall Mr. DiOrio being</p> <p>10 there?</p> <p>11 A I do not.</p> <p>12 Q You don't recall Ms. Irving being there?</p> <p>13 A Correct.</p> <p>14 Q You don't recall Mr. Dondero being there?</p> <p>15 A Correct.</p> <p>16 Q When you say you have a vague</p> <p>17 recollection, does that mean you have a</p> <p>18 recollection of someone you think was in the room</p> <p>19 but you don't know if they were in the room?</p> <p>20 A Mr. Post, who was on the compliance team,</p> <p>21 may have been in the room. I know there were</p> <p>22 issues that he weighed in on, not necessarily at</p> <p>23 that meeting, but in -- at different times. But</p> <p>24 that's my best recollection of that one meeting</p> <p>25 you're referencing.</p>

<p>145</p> <p>1 Q And you don't recall who was there with 2 Mr. Stoops? 3 A That's right. 4 Q Do you recall that there were -- there was 5 definitely somebody else there with Mr. Stoops, 6 you just don't remember who? 7 A No. It could be that there wasn't, that 8 it was just Mr. Stoops from the accounting side. 9 Q So the only four people you know were in 10 the room were yourself, Mr. Leventon, Mr. Surgent, 11 and Mr. Stoops? 12 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 13 A Ellington, Surgent and me, and I believe 14 Mr. Stoops and then it kind of goes foggy with 15 respect to the others. 16 MS. SMITH: Can we go off just really 17 quick, please? 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record 19 at 1:41 p.m. 20 (Recess taken from 1:41 p.m. CDT to 21 1:42 p.m. CDT) 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 1:42 p.m., we're back 23 on the record. 24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 25 Q Mr. Sevilla, let's clear up the record.</p>	<p>147</p> <p>1 Q And then what do you mean by transaction 2 documents? 3 A I believe the purchase agreement. 4 Q Anything else? 5 A That would have been it. 6 Q So to the best of your recollection, the 7 two documents that were in the room were the 8 insurance policy draft form and the purchase 9 agreement? 10 A I think that's right. 11 Q Was that also in draft form? 12 A It would have been in draft form, yeah. 13 Q Do you know who drafted that? 14 A Outside counsel. I believe Mr. Stoops 15 would have also had the asset listing, the 16 spreadsheet of assets. 17 Q Who asked him to bring that? 18 A I don't know. 19 Q Did you? 20 A I don't think so. 21 Q Did anybody make a presentation at this 22 meeting? 23 A I don't think it was a presentation, but 24 it -- it was more of a discussion. 25 Q Who led the discussion?</p>
<p>146</p> <p>1 So the only four people that you know were in that 2 meeting were yourself, Mr. Surgent, Mr. Ellington 3 and Mr. Stoops; is that right? 4 A Correct. 5 Q And were there any notes taken at this 6 meeting? 7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 8 A I don't recall. 9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 10 Q Did you take any notes? 11 A I don't recall. 12 Q Did you see anybody else taking notes? 13 A I don't recall. 14 Q Were there any documents reviewed at this 15 meeting? 16 A Yes. 17 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 18 THE WITNESS: Sorry. 19 A Yes, the proposed -- the insurance policy, 20 the document, transaction documents. 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q So by insurance policy, do you mean there 23 was a copy of the draft insurance policy in the 24 room? 25 A Correct.</p>	<p>148</p> <p>1 A Mr. Ellington. 2 Q Who brought the insurance policy to the 3 meeting? 4 A I did. 5 Q And did you also bring the purchase 6 agreement? 7 A Yes. 8 Q Did you bring any other documents? 9 A Not that I recall. 10 Q Did anybody else bring any other 11 documents? 12 A Not that I recall. 13 Q Were there any reports that were written 14 about this meeting afterwards? 15 A Not that I have knowledge of. 16 Q Were there any reports written about any 17 of the conclusions that were reached at this 18 meeting? 19 A Not that I know of. 20 Q Was it specifically discussed at this 21 meeting that Mr. Dondero owned 70 percent of 22 Sentinel? 23 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 24 A Ownership was discussed. I don't know if 25 it was on a percentage basis to the exact number</p>

<p>149</p> <p>1 that you're referencing.</p> <p>2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>3 Q But it was specifically discussed that</p> <p>4 Mr. Dondero owned part of Sentinel?</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>6 A Yes. Yes.</p> <p>7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>8 Q Who said that?</p> <p>9 A I don't recall exactly who. Mr. Ellington</p> <p>10 and myself both would have conveyed that to -- I</p> <p>11 certainly mentioned it.</p> <p>12 Q You mentioned it?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Did you also mention that</p> <p>15 Mr. Ellington also owned part of Sentinel?</p> <p>16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>17 A I don't know if I mentioned that or not.</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q Did Mr. Ellington mention that?</p> <p>20 A I don't know.</p> <p>21 Q So you --</p> <p>22 A I don't recall.</p> <p>23 Q -- don't know if the folks in the room</p> <p>24 knew that Mr. Ellington owned part of Sentinel?</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>	<p>151</p> <p>1 that's largely what was discussed. The proposed</p> <p>2 terms of the policy, the proposed terms of the --</p> <p>3 you know, proposed terms of the insurance policy</p> <p>4 and the purchase agreement.</p> <p>5 Q Did you think it was not relevant that</p> <p>6 Mr. Ellington also owned part of Sentinel?</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>8 A Again, it may have been discussed. It's</p> <p>9 not something I recall, but I think it's -- I do</p> <p>10 think it's relevant.</p> <p>11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>12 Q You do think it's relevant sitting here</p> <p>13 today?</p> <p>14 A I think it's a fact around the ownership</p> <p>15 of the company. So if there are questions about</p> <p>16 the ownership of the company, I think that would</p> <p>17 be something discussed. And it very well might --</p> <p>18 might well have, I just -- what I recall is</p> <p>19 Dondero's ownership component.</p> <p>20 Q Who asked you to bring those documents to</p> <p>21 the meeting?</p> <p>22 A I don't recall. I don't know if anyone</p> <p>23 did.</p> <p>24 Q And what was the specific question posed</p> <p>25 to Mr. Sargent during that meeting?</p>
<p>150</p> <p>1 A I don't have direct recollection of that</p> <p>2 being discussed.</p> <p>3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>4 Q You knew it at the time, right?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q And Mr. Ellington knew it at the time?</p> <p>7 A I suppose. I presume he did.</p> <p>8 Q But to the best of your recollection,</p> <p>9 neither you nor Mr. Ellington mentioned that fact</p> <p>10 in the room?</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>12 A I don't recollect one way or the other</p> <p>13 that that came up.</p> <p>14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>15 Q So then was the discussion of the</p> <p>16 compliance issues, as you said, around</p> <p>17 Mr. Dondero's ownership of Sentinel?</p> <p>18 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>19 A It was a discussion of a broad range of</p> <p>20 facts and -- about the policy and about Sentinel</p> <p>21 itself.</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q What about Sentinel itself?</p> <p>24 A Its ownership, Mr. Dondero's connection</p> <p>25 with it, and that's large -- that's largely --</p>	<p>152</p> <p>1 A The specific -- I don't think it was one</p> <p>2 question. I think it was a number of questions</p> <p>3 and discussion points. I don't think there was</p> <p>4 just one thing.</p> <p>5 Q When it came to Sentinel's ownership --</p> <p>6 when it came to Sentinel's ownership, was there a</p> <p>7 specific question posed to Mr. Sargent?</p> <p>8 A I don't -- I don't remember the meeting in</p> <p>9 those terms to break it down into one question or</p> <p>10 another. It was a meeting that covered a broad</p> <p>11 variety of topics, including ownership, commercial</p> <p>12 terms, documentation, et cetera. So I apologize.</p> <p>13 I can't break it down the way you're asking me to.</p> <p>14 Q You mentioned earlier that there was a</p> <p>15 discussion of the potential conflict of interest.</p> <p>16 What was the conflict of interest that was</p> <p>17 discussed?</p> <p>18 A Well, there was an ownership interest on</p> <p>19 the part of Sentinel, Mr. Dondero's ownership</p> <p>20 interest on the Sentinel side, and where Highland</p> <p>21 sat in relation to the insureds and also being a</p> <p>22 defendant in the case.</p> <p>23 Q So was the question whether it was a</p> <p>24 conflict of interest for these funds to enter into</p> <p>25 this transaction and insurance policy with</p>

<p>153</p> <p>1 Sentinel?</p> <p>2 A Again, it was a series of discussions and</p> <p>3 questions around these facts. I can't break it</p> <p>4 into -- you know, a discrete question set, but it</p> <p>5 was a comprehensive discussion around all of these</p> <p>6 salient facts.</p> <p>7 Q You testified earlier that there was a</p> <p>8 conclusion reached around all of those salient</p> <p>9 facts of the meeting; is that right?</p> <p>10 A I think at this meeting and subsequent</p> <p>11 meetings, certainly.</p> <p>12 Q Right. But when you say that, was there a</p> <p>13 conclusion reached at this meeting and then that</p> <p>14 was repeated in subsequent meetings or are you</p> <p>15 saying there were additional decisions made in</p> <p>16 subsequent meetings?</p> <p>17 A I think there was a conclusion at this</p> <p>18 meeting that it was -- it was an acceptable</p> <p>19 transaction from a compliance perspective and that</p> <p>20 that was reinforced and discussed in subsequent</p> <p>21 meetings, touching on topics like the actual block</p> <p>22 and tackle of transferring the assets and the</p> <p>23 like. So it was a series of meetings, but this</p> <p>24 was certainly one where approval from a compliance</p> <p>25 perspective, I think -- I think that was the gist</p>	<p>155</p> <p>1 would have been sufficient from your perspective</p> <p>2 to move forward with the transaction?</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>4 A I don't think it was up to me to move</p> <p>5 forward with the transaction. It would have been</p> <p>6 up to others, but that was my -- certainly my</p> <p>7 takeaway.</p> <p>8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>9 Q Who was it up to to move forward with the</p> <p>10 transaction?</p> <p>11 A Mr. Surgent, Mr. Ellington, Mr. Dondero.</p> <p>12 Q Why Mr. Dondero?</p> <p>13 A I think as just -- because of his</p> <p>14 relationship and control of Highland and</p> <p>15 Highland's relationship to those insureds.</p> <p>16 Q Do you know whether that conclusion was</p> <p>17 ever conveyed to Mr. Dondero?</p> <p>18 A Which conclusion?</p> <p>19 Q The conclusion that it was an acceptable</p> <p>20 transaction from a compliance perspective.</p> <p>21 A I don't have firsthand -- I did not convey</p> <p>22 to him, so I don't have firsthand knowledge of</p> <p>23 that.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. Did Mr. -- well, we'll look at it.</p> <p>25 What was your role with respect to the</p>
<p>154</p> <p>1 of that meeting.</p> <p>2 Q So was the conclusion that the transaction</p> <p>3 was approved from a compliance perspective or was</p> <p>4 the conclusion that it didn't need to be approved</p> <p>5 from a compliance perspective?</p> <p>6 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>7 A I'm not following the distinction.</p> <p>8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>9 Q Well, was the conclusion that this is not</p> <p>10 the type of transaction that compliance needs to</p> <p>11 review or approve?</p> <p>12 A I don't think that's right.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. So was the conclusion that</p> <p>14 compliance has reviewed and approved this</p> <p>15 transaction?</p> <p>16 A That was my takeaway.</p> <p>17 Q Why was that your takeaway?</p> <p>18 A Because I believe in form and substance,</p> <p>19 that -- spirit and substance, that's what was said</p> <p>20 and discussed at the meeting and in subsequent</p> <p>21 meetings.</p> <p>22 Q And do you know whether that spirit and</p> <p>23 substance was ever recorded in any other manner?</p> <p>24 A Not that I know of.</p> <p>25 Q So that oral approval at that meeting</p>	<p>156</p> <p>1 policy? What was your specific role?</p> <p>2 A I think I provided some interface with</p> <p>3 outside counsel, with the insurance administrator,</p> <p>4 with the board. To the extent there were</p> <p>5 questions from Sentinel with respect to the assets</p> <p>6 and in what form they were, whether it was</p> <p>7 certificated securities or otherwise. So I think</p> <p>8 I consider the tasks in the nature of interface</p> <p>9 between all of these different subject matter</p> <p>10 experts, whether on the Highland side or the</p> <p>11 Sentinel side.</p> <p>12 Q I don't mean to diminish that role, but</p> <p>13 did you have any substantive responsibilities with</p> <p>14 respect to the terms of the policy or the terms of</p> <p>15 the purchase agreement?</p> <p>16 A I don't believe I did. I had -- I didn't</p> <p>17 have a say in the commercial -- or the -- no, I</p> <p>18 don't -- I don't think so. I certainly</p> <p>19 communicated with outside counsel, but I left it</p> <p>20 to all of them to do their respective jobs.</p> <p>21 Q So outside counsel were the ones that were</p> <p>22 responsible for that?</p> <p>23 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>25 Q So in your -- from your perspective,</p>

<p>157</p> <p>1 outside counsel was the one who had the</p> <p>2 substantive responsibility for negotiating the</p> <p>3 terms of the policy and the purchase agreement?</p> <p>4 A The directors, I would add to that.</p> <p>5 Q Okay.</p> <p>6 A The administrator or the actuaries, I</p> <p>7 think they all played their separate parts in</p> <p>8 putting it together.</p> <p>9 Q Do you know who the actuary was?</p> <p>10 A I don't remember the name.</p> <p>11 Q All right. I'm going to hand you what we</p> <p>12 will mark as Exhibit 54.</p> <p>13 (Deposition Exhibit 54 marked for</p> <p>14 identification.)</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q Go ahead and take a minute to look at</p> <p>17 that. Exhibit 54 is an e-mail with attachments</p> <p>18 and let me know when you're ready.</p> <p>19 (Witness reviews document.)</p> <p>20 A Okay.</p> <p>21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>22 Q Okay. This is an e-mail from you to</p> <p>23 Ms. Irving and Ms. Kim, dated August 10th, 2017,</p> <p>24 subject Sentinel Reinsurance Proposed ATE Policy.</p> <p>25 Do you see that?</p>	<p>159</p> <p>1 other. I don't remember.</p> <p>2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Well, your e-mail doesn't provide</p> <p>4 any explanation, correct?</p> <p>5 A Correct.</p> <p>6 Q Did you draft either of the attachments to</p> <p>7 this e-mail?</p> <p>8 A I may have put the Schedule A, dropped it</p> <p>9 into Word form from an Excel. I remember --</p> <p>10 Q Just for our record, you're talking about</p> <p>11 Schedule A to the purchase agreement?</p> <p>12 A Schedule A to the purchase agreement. I</p> <p>13 think ultimately outside counsel put all of this</p> <p>14 together. I may have proposed the first draft of</p> <p>15 the purchase agreement before handing it off to</p> <p>16 them. I don't know what they changed, but I</p> <p>17 remember reviewing the documents as well.</p> <p>18 Q What about the resolutions? Is that</p> <p>19 something you would have put together?</p> <p>20 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>21 A I don't think so. I don't recall doing</p> <p>22 so.</p> <p>23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>24 Q Did somebody tell you to put together this</p> <p>25 purchase agreement?</p>
<p>158</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q All right. And this looks like you are</p> <p>3 sending to Ms. Irving and Ms. Kim a draft of the</p> <p>4 insurance policy that we've been discussing and</p> <p>5 also a draft of the resolutions of the board of</p> <p>6 directors of Sentinel. Do you see that second</p> <p>7 attachment?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q What is Ms. Kim's role at the time? What</p> <p>10 was her role at the time?</p> <p>11 A Paralegal.</p> <p>12 Q Why are you sending this to Ms. Irving and</p> <p>13 Ms. Kim?</p> <p>14 A Ms. Irving was assisting with -- assisting</p> <p>15 with the transaction with closing the -- some of</p> <p>16 the security transfers. I'm not sure why I sent</p> <p>17 it to Ms. Kim. I don't remember.</p> <p>18 Q When did Ms. Irving learn about the</p> <p>19 insurance policy, to the best of your</p> <p>20 recollection?</p> <p>21 A I don't know.</p> <p>22 Q But at the time you were sending this,</p> <p>23 you -- she knew about it?</p> <p>24 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>25 A I don't know. I don't know one way or the</p>	<p>160</p> <p>1 A No, I don't think anyone told me. I think</p> <p>2 I was working with outside counsel. I may have --</p> <p>3 I may have prepared this schedule. Sorry, I</p> <p>4 didn't see it at the end here.</p> <p>5 Q The schedule to the insurance policy?</p> <p>6 A Insurer, Insured, Appointed</p> <p>7 Representative. No, other than the instruction to</p> <p>8 work on this project, I wasn't instructed to</p> <p>9 prepare this schedule. I mean, it was sort of a</p> <p>10 matter of putting the documents together.</p> <p>11 Q Do you know what was going on in the UBS</p> <p>12 litigation in August 2017?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q Was -- did you receive any directions or</p> <p>15 guidance as to why the policy was being purchased</p> <p>16 at this particular point in time?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q You were aware that the US -- UBS</p> <p>19 litigation had been going on for several years at</p> <p>20 this point?</p> <p>21 A That was my colloquial understanding, yes,</p> <p>22 that it had been.</p> <p>23 Q But you weren't given any context as to</p> <p>24 why this insurance policy was being -- why they</p> <p>25 were just now receiving -- or getting an insurance</p>

<p>161</p> <p>1 policy?</p> <p>2 A No, not that I recall.</p> <p>3 Q Was there any urgency around doing this at</p> <p>4 the time?</p> <p>5 A No, I don't remember urgency one way or</p> <p>6 the other, other than being timely with getting</p> <p>7 tasks completed. I don't remember any sort of</p> <p>8 urgency or exigency surrounding this.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. You can put that aside. I'm going</p> <p>10 to hand you what is --</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Need some water?</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: I'm good. Maybe.</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q I'm going to ask the court reporter to</p> <p>15 mark that as Exhibit 55 and hand that to you.</p> <p>16 (Deposition Exhibit 55 marked for</p> <p>17 identification.)</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q Let me know when you're ready.</p> <p>20 (Witness reviews document.)</p> <p>21 A Okay.</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q So this is an e-mail from Katie Irving to</p> <p>24 Helen Kim with a CC to you. Subject is Forward</p> <p>25 Sentinel Reinsurance Proposed ATE Policy. The</p>	<p>163</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q -- it looks like Andrew Dean has signed</p> <p>3 all three agreements --</p> <p>4 A Yeah.</p> <p>5 Q -- the policy, the purchase agreement and</p> <p>6 the board resolutions?</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>9 Q Do you agree with that?</p> <p>10 A I see -- I see that.</p> <p>11 Q And to your recollection, Mr. Dean was a</p> <p>12 director of Sentinel on August 10th, 2017?</p> <p>13 A That's my recollection.</p> <p>14 Q And he was authorized to sign these</p> <p>15 documents?</p> <p>16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>17 A I defer to what the resolutions say. I</p> <p>18 don't want to take the view of Cayman law, but it</p> <p>19 certainly looks like that.</p> <p>20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>21 Q You don't recall anybody saying that these</p> <p>22 were invalid and we need to go get somebody else</p> <p>23 to sign them?</p> <p>24 A I don't recall that.</p> <p>25 Q And then Christopher Watler, is that the</p>
<p>162</p> <p>1 date is August 10th, 2017, and Ms. Irving writes:</p> <p>2 Helen - request JD execution of the attached,</p> <p>3 please, thank you.</p> <p>4 Do you understand JD to be referring to</p> <p>5 Mr. Dondero?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q And was that Ms. Kim's role to get</p> <p>8 Mr. Dondero to sign these documents?</p> <p>9 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>10 A I don't think it was her role per se. I</p> <p>11 think in this case she was asked to.</p> <p>12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>13 Q The e-mail one down in the chain is from</p> <p>14 Lesley Thompson to you. What was Lesley</p> <p>15 Thompson's role with respect to Sentinel and this</p> <p>16 policy specifically?</p> <p>17 A I don't remember exactly what her function</p> <p>18 was. I'd say a facilitator for the Maples side.</p> <p>19 Q And Ms. Thompson writes: Hi JP. Please</p> <p>20 find attached the Signed directors resolution</p> <p>21 along with the signature pages for the ATE policy</p> <p>22 and Purchase Agreement.</p> <p>23 And then she attaches signature pages from</p> <p>24 the Sentinel side. And if you turn to those last</p> <p>25 few pages --</p>	<p>164</p> <p>1 individual that we discussed earlier today that</p> <p>2 you believed was a director of Sentinel?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Do you know when Mr. Dean became a</p> <p>5 director of Sentinel?</p> <p>6 A I don't remember the exact date.</p> <p>7 Q Do you recall roughly?</p> <p>8 A He may have been on from the beginning. I</p> <p>9 believe -- but other than that -- other than that</p> <p>10 recollection, I can't be more specific.</p> <p>11 Q What about with respect to Mr. Watler?</p> <p>12 A I think the same.</p> <p>13 Q Do you know who chose the board of</p> <p>14 directors of Sentinel?</p> <p>15 A I don't.</p> <p>16 Q If you look on the page with the Bates</p> <p>17 ending 350.</p> <p>18 A Yeah.</p> <p>19 Q There's an e-mail from Ms. Thompson at</p> <p>20 17:01. She writes to you and Ms. Irving and she</p> <p>21 says in the second paragraph: Can you please</p> <p>22 confirm that in the event of an adverse loss which</p> <p>23 exceeds the existing assets equity of the company,</p> <p>24 the shareholders will inject the necessary capital</p> <p>25 in order for the company to meet its obligations</p>

<p>165</p> <p>1 and maintain its solvency.</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Who are those shareholders that she's</p> <p>4 referring to?</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>6 A I believe she was referring to</p> <p>7 Mr. Ellington and Mr. Dondero.</p> <p>8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>9 Q You respond to her and you say: Lesley,</p> <p>10 The shareholders have made a fundamental</p> <p>11 commitment, both fiscally and governance-wise, to</p> <p>12 Sentinel Reinsurance for the long term, including</p> <p>13 in the situation of an adverse loss.</p> <p>14 What did you mean by that?</p> <p>15 A That the shareholders were committed to</p> <p>16 the -- committed to the company and committed to</p> <p>17 seeing it succeed.</p> <p>18 Q By shareholders, were you referring to</p> <p>19 Mr. Dondero and Mr. Ellington?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q How did you know that they had made this</p> <p>22 fundamental commitment?</p> <p>23 A I had spoken to Mr. Ellington about</p> <p>24 Ms. Thompson's inquiry and he had authorized me to</p> <p>25 make this comment.</p>	<p>167</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Did you ask him?</p> <p>3 A I don't recall asking him. I don't have</p> <p>4 personal knowledge of what they discussed.</p> <p>5 Q And so is it your understanding that if</p> <p>6 there was an adverse loss which exceeded the</p> <p>7 existing assets of Sentinel, that Mr. Dondero and</p> <p>8 Mr. Ellington would put additional capital into</p> <p>9 Sentinel in order for it to remain solvent and</p> <p>10 meet its obligations?</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>12 A I don't think that's what my response</p> <p>13 commits to on their behalf. I think the -- no, I</p> <p>14 don't think that's what my response conveys.</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q So are you saying your response didn't</p> <p>17 actually answer her question?</p> <p>18 A You'd have to ask her, but this is what I</p> <p>19 was authorized to convey.</p> <p>20 Q So you -- did you ask Mr. Ellington if you</p> <p>21 were authorized to convey that he would, in fact,</p> <p>22 provide additional capital to Sentinel in order</p> <p>23 for it to meet its obligations and maintain its</p> <p>24 solvency?</p> <p>25 A My recollection is that that was a -- that</p>
<p>166</p> <p>1 Q So after you received Ms. Thompson's</p> <p>2 e-mail, you reached out to Mr. Ellington?</p> <p>3 A Yes. Although I had spoken to</p> <p>4 Ms. Thompson, she may have previewed this issue,</p> <p>5 so I may have spoken to him before she sent the</p> <p>6 e-mail, but I remember her conveying to me this</p> <p>7 concept and me connecting with Mr. Ellington about</p> <p>8 it.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. And why was this an issue?</p> <p>10 A I didn't think it was an issue. I just</p> <p>11 didn't want to speak out of school.</p> <p>12 Q When you spoke to Mr. Ellington about this</p> <p>13 inquiry, what did he say?</p> <p>14 A He authorized me to make this comment.</p> <p>15 Q Were these his words?</p> <p>16 A Substantially. I may have formalized them</p> <p>17 a little bit, but he authorized me to convey that</p> <p>18 there was a commitment on his part and</p> <p>19 Mr. Dondero's part to the company's long-term</p> <p>20 success.</p> <p>21 Q Do you know whether Mr. Ellington spoke</p> <p>22 with Mr. Dondero before he authorized you to</p> <p>23 convey this commitment?</p> <p>24 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>25 A I don't know.</p>	<p>168</p> <p>1 seemed to be a bit of an aggressive ask and</p> <p>2 unorthodox to ask of a shareholder. And so this</p> <p>3 response tried to convey comfort. That was the</p> <p>4 thrust of the communication between he and I</p> <p>5 around this.</p> <p>6 Q Did Mr. Ellington tell you that he would</p> <p>7 not, in fact, be willing to inject additional</p> <p>8 necessary capital in order for Sentinel to meet</p> <p>9 its obligations?</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>11 A We did not speak to that point, so I -- he</p> <p>12 never told me that.</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q So did it seem to be a bit of an</p> <p>15 aggressive ask from your perspective or from his?</p> <p>16 A I think from mine, certainly. You'll have</p> <p>17 to ask him how he thought of it.</p> <p>18 Q And under the policy, an adverse loss</p> <p>19 would be a loss with respect to the UBS</p> <p>20 litigation, right?</p> <p>21 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>22 A I don't know if -- I think it's related to</p> <p>23 UBS, but I wouldn't say globally. I would say</p> <p>24 more on a micro perspective from the ATE policy</p> <p>25 perspective.</p>

<p>169</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q So a loss related to the New York State</p> <p>3 litigation that was covered by this policy?</p> <p>4 A The topic of the policy or the -- yeah,</p> <p>5 the lawsuit referred to in the policy is how I</p> <p>6 would think about it.</p> <p>7 Q And if we look at the schedule -- well,</p> <p>8 Schedule A is not in this document. Okay. Let's</p> <p>9 look at the -- by the way, is -- do you have any</p> <p>10 understanding of whether Mr. Ellington or</p> <p>11 Mr. Dondero has still made that same commitment</p> <p>12 today?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>14 A I haven't discussed any matters -- any</p> <p>15 Sentinel matters with them on this topic. I don't</p> <p>16 know.</p> <p>17 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Okay. I am going to have</p> <p>18 the court reporter mark this next document as</p> <p>19 Exhibit 56.</p> <p>20 (Deposition Exhibit 56 marked for</p> <p>21 identification.)</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q Take a moment to review that and let me</p> <p>24 know when you're ready.</p> <p>25 (Witness reviews document.)</p>	<p>171</p> <p>1 A Generally.</p> <p>2 Q Anywhere else that you would have possibly</p> <p>3 pulled this from?</p> <p>4 A I don't think so.</p> <p>5 Q Would you have had like a specific folder</p> <p>6 about the UBS policy?</p> <p>7 A Most likely. E-mail folder.</p> <p>8 Q I realize this is testing your memory, but</p> <p>9 do you know what that folder would be called?</p> <p>10 A Oh, gosh. No, I don't remember.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Let's look at one more document and</p> <p>12 then we'll take a look at the policy. So I'm</p> <p>13 handing you what we are going to mark as</p> <p>14 Exhibit 57.</p> <p>15 (Deposition Exhibit 57 marked for</p> <p>16 identification.)</p> <p>17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>18 Q Let me know when you're ready.</p> <p>19 (Witness reviews document.)</p> <p>20 A Okay.</p> <p>21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>22 Q This is an e-mail from Mr. Leventon to</p> <p>23 Chris Dunn. Who is Chris Dunn?</p> <p>24 A The name rings a bell. I don't remember</p> <p>25 what he did at Highland.</p>
<p>170</p> <p>1 A Okay.</p> <p>2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>3 Q So this is an e-mail chain between you and</p> <p>4 Mr. Leventon, dated October 25th, 2017. In the</p> <p>5 earlier e-mail chain, Mr. Leventon is asking you</p> <p>6 for a copy of the final executed insurance</p> <p>7 agreement and then it looks like you provide him</p> <p>8 with that in the attached. Do you agree this</p> <p>9 looks like a copy of the final executed insurance</p> <p>10 policy?</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>12 A Doesn't look to be executed.</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q It doesn't?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Well, there are signatures on the back.</p> <p>17 A Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, there are. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. Do you know why Mr. Leventon was</p> <p>19 asking you for a copy of the final insurance</p> <p>20 policy in October 2017?</p> <p>21 A I really don't.</p> <p>22 Q Do you know where you would have pulled</p> <p>23 this document from?</p> <p>24 A My e-mails.</p> <p>25 Q Is that where you stored your documents?</p>	<p>172</p> <p>1 Q Was he in the legal department?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Was he in the -- do you remember what</p> <p>4 department he was in?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q And Mr. Leventon says: Please see</p> <p>7 attached. Please label all communications related</p> <p>8 to this project as Privileged as all documents are</p> <p>9 being drafted at the request of the Legal Team.</p> <p>10 Do you know what project he's talking to?</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>12 A I don't.</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q This is the day after Mr. Leventon asked</p> <p>15 you to send him the policy in Exhibit 56. Does</p> <p>16 Exhibit 57 help refresh your recollection at all</p> <p>17 as to why Mr. Leventon was asking you for the</p> <p>18 policy on that day?</p> <p>19 A I don't recall the context.</p> <p>20 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>21 A I don't recall the context.</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q Do you know what Mr. Leventon is referring</p> <p>24 to when he says documents are being drafted at the</p> <p>25 request of the legal team?</p>

<p>1 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>2 A I don't.</p> <p>3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>4 Q At this point, October 2017, all of the</p> <p>5 documents related to the ATE policy had already</p> <p>6 been drafted and signed, right?</p> <p>7 A I think that's true. Yeah.</p> <p>8 Q Same answer with respect to the purchase</p> <p>9 agreement?</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>11 A From what I recall. From what I recall.</p> <p>12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>13 Q Would you consider yourself a member of</p> <p>14 the legal team at this time?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q Did you make any request to Mr. Dunn or</p> <p>17 others, related to a project in October 2017</p> <p>18 regarding the UBS insurance policy?</p> <p>19 A Not that I recall.</p> <p>20 Q If we look at the attachment, it's titled</p> <p>21 Legal Liability Insurance Policy. Is this the ATE</p> <p>22 policy that we've been talking about today?</p> <p>23 A I believe so, yes.</p> <p>24 Q And if you turn to schedule -- the</p> <p>25 schedule on the back, I believe it's Bates ending</p>	<p>173</p>	<p>1 representative is Paul Lackey. Do you know who</p> <p>2 decided that Mr. Lackey would be the appointed</p> <p>3 representative.</p> <p>4 A No, I don't. I don't know. I don't</p> <p>5 remember who would have made that decision.</p> <p>6 Q Do you know what Mr. Lackey's role was</p> <p>7 with respect to the UBS litigation at this time?</p> <p>8 A I believe he was trial counsel for the</p> <p>9 insureds.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. And then the period of insurance</p> <p>11 commences August 1st, 2017. Do you see that?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q And the legal action, is this referring to</p> <p>14 the New York State action between UBS and Highland</p> <p>15 that's listed here?</p> <p>16 A I don't know how that case is styled.</p> <p>17 Q Did this policy relate to any other</p> <p>18 litigation matter other than the litigation</p> <p>19 between UBS and Highland in New York State court?</p> <p>20 A Not that I know of.</p> <p>21 Q And then, in fact, it says here, Supreme</p> <p>22 Court of the State of New York, County of</p> <p>23 New York, right?</p> <p>24 A It does say that, yes.</p> <p>25 Q And the opponent is UBS Securities LLC and</p>	<p>175</p>
<p>1 3070.</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q You testified earlier that you think you</p> <p>4 might have drafted this?</p> <p>5 A I may have aggregated this information</p> <p>6 into a schedule.</p> <p>7 Q Where would you have aggregated it from?</p> <p>8 A Information I received from others working</p> <p>9 on the litigation.</p> <p>10 Q Others working on the litigation or</p> <p>11 working on the policy or both?</p> <p>12 A Both.</p> <p>13 Q Do you remember anybody specifically</p> <p>14 sending you information for this schedule?</p> <p>15 A No, I don't remember -- I don't -- no, I</p> <p>16 don't remember.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. And there are three Highland</p> <p>18 entities that are insured under this policy?</p> <p>19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>21 Q There's three funds that are listed as</p> <p>22 being insured, correct?</p> <p>23 A I see the insureds, the three entities,</p> <p>24 yes.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. And then the appointed</p>	<p>174</p>	<p>1 UBS AG, London Branch?</p> <p>2 A Yeah.</p> <p>3 Q And again, you don't know what was going</p> <p>4 on in that litigation as of August 1st, 2017?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q So the coverage here is US \$100 million in</p> <p>7 aggregate. Do you see that?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q I know earlier we looked at some</p> <p>10 presentations that mentioned a policy of</p> <p>11 90 million or 100 million. Do you know how it was</p> <p>12 determined that the coverage would be 100 million?</p> <p>13 A I don't recall.</p> <p>14 Q Would you agree with me that this is the</p> <p>15 largest policy that Sentinel had written to date?</p> <p>16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>17 A Yes. That's my understanding.</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q In fact, it was significantly higher than</p> <p>20 the D&O policy that it had written for the SAS</p> <p>21 entities, correct?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q Do you see that the premium is</p> <p>24 \$25 million?</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>	<p>176</p>

<p>177</p> <p>1 Q Do you know how -- who set that figure?</p> <p>2 A My recollection, it was a combination of</p> <p>3 input from the actuary, input from the</p> <p>4 administrator, input from outside counsel.</p> <p>5 Q Did anybody from Highland have any input</p> <p>6 into that?</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>8 A I don't recall -- I don't recall others at</p> <p>9 Highland having input. No, I don't recall.</p> <p>10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>11 Q Who decided on behalf of the insured</p> <p>12 entities, that \$25 million was a fair premium to</p> <p>13 pay for this policy?</p> <p>14 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>15 A I guess it would have been a -- the result</p> <p>16 of the review of the different -- of the different</p> <p>17 Highland groups that reviewed this: Compliance,</p> <p>18 accounting, ultimately the -- Mr. Dondero.</p> <p>19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>20 Q So within those groups, who, to your</p> <p>21 recollection, would have reviewed this policy?</p> <p>22 A The names I've been -- the names I've been</p> <p>23 mentioning throughout. I don't know who else</p> <p>24 within those groups would have reviewed it. I</p> <p>25 assume others. I don't have firsthand knowledge</p>	<p>179</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Do you recall any discussions around that</p> <p>3 in any of the meetings that you attended about</p> <p>4 this policy?</p> <p>5 A I know it was discussed. I don't remember</p> <p>6 the -- who said what or the date of any given</p> <p>7 meeting, but I know it was a topic of discussion.</p> <p>8 Q And again, the point of this policy was to</p> <p>9 cover the insureds with respect to legal liability</p> <p>10 occurring from the UBS litigation, right?</p> <p>11 A I'd refer to what the policy says as to</p> <p>12 what the -- what the point here was.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Well, in Section 2.1, if you want</p> <p>14 to take a look at that, it's on page Bates ended</p> <p>15 3056.</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. So the -- under Section 2.1. It</p> <p>18 says: The insurer -- that means Sentinel, right?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q -- agrees to indemnify the insured as it's</p> <p>21 defined in the schedule in respect to any legal</p> <p>22 liability occurring during the period of insurance</p> <p>23 up to and including but not exceeding the limit of</p> <p>24 indemnity.</p> <p>25 And then they have two conditions there,</p>
<p>178</p> <p>1 of -- you know, other than Mr. Swadley and</p> <p>2 Mr. Patrick, for example, I don't know if their</p> <p>3 colleagues reviewed it, but I would assume several</p> <p>4 others at Highland would have reviewed more than I</p> <p>5 have firsthand knowledge of.</p> <p>6 Q And pursuant to the purchase agreement,</p> <p>7 the assets that were being transferred from the --</p> <p>8 pursuant to the purchase agreement were being</p> <p>9 transferred to pay this premium, correct?</p> <p>10 A Right.</p> <p>11 Q And is it your understanding that the</p> <p>12 assets being transferred were worth \$25 million?</p> <p>13 A I didn't have -- I didn't have an</p> <p>14 independent view on the value. I know we had</p> <p>15 the -- there were Highland valuations, but I had</p> <p>16 no valuation -- I made no valuation myself.</p> <p>17 Q So you don't know if the assets, that were</p> <p>18 transferred to Sentinel in exchange for the</p> <p>19 policy, were substantially more or less than</p> <p>20 \$25 million?</p> <p>21 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>22 A I don't know the valuation methodology</p> <p>23 relevant for insurance companies, so I don't have</p> <p>24 an independent view of that.</p> <p>25</p>	<p>180</p> <p>1 provided that. Do you see that?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. And the limit of indemnity that we</p> <p>4 just looked at was \$100 million, right?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q And if you go to Section 9.13, which is on</p> <p>7 page ended 3066. So this defines legal liability</p> <p>8 and I'm going to paraphrase, but as the aggregate</p> <p>9 of the total sum awarded by the court in the legal</p> <p>10 action or the aggregate of the total sum to be</p> <p>11 paid by the insured to the opponent pursuant to a</p> <p>12 settlement of the legal action.</p> <p>13 A Okay.</p> <p>14 Q So wouldn't you agree that the point of</p> <p>15 this policy is to pay up to \$100 million in the</p> <p>16 event that the insureds were ordered by the</p> <p>17 New York State court to pay some judgment in the</p> <p>18 New York State action or reached a settlement with</p> <p>19 UBS in the New York State action?</p> <p>20 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. The</p> <p>21 document speaks for itself.</p> <p>22 A Yeah, I would -- I would -- I can read it</p> <p>23 out loud too. I would defer to what the document</p> <p>24 says as to what it's supposed to mean.</p> <p>25</p>

<p>181</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q So this is \$100 million insurance policy,</p> <p>3 the first one that Sentinel ever wrote and you</p> <p>4 worked on it, and you have no idea what the</p> <p>5 purpose of the policy was other than what the</p> <p>6 words say on the page?</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>8 A I think that mischaracterizes what I said.</p> <p>9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>10 Q Well, then, what is the purpose of this</p> <p>11 policy?</p> <p>12 A For the insurer to indemnify the insured</p> <p>13 in respect to any legal liability, et cetera,</p> <p>14 et cetera.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. And indemnify meaning pay up to</p> <p>16 \$100 million if the insureds get a judgment</p> <p>17 entered against it or settles with UBS in the</p> <p>18 New York State court, right?</p> <p>19 A Again, I'd defer to the language. I don't</p> <p>20 want to summarize it and use some legal term of</p> <p>21 art the wrong way. I think this speaks for</p> <p>22 itself.</p> <p>23 Q So if UBS won a \$1.2 billion judgment in</p> <p>24 the New York State action, does this policy apply?</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>	<p>183</p> <p>1 A I believe so.</p> <p>2 Q Who would have done that?</p> <p>3 A The valuation group.</p> <p>4 Q Who is the valuation group?</p> <p>5 A In 2017, I don't remember who was on the</p> <p>6 valuation group, but I think it was a subset of</p> <p>7 the accounting team.</p> <p>8 Q Do you remember discussing with anybody in</p> <p>9 the valuation group what the value was of the</p> <p>10 assets that were being transferred for this</p> <p>11 insurance policy?</p> <p>12 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>13 A I don't remember discussions to that</p> <p>14 effect, other than knowing that they did -- they</p> <p>15 did evaluate -- excuse me -- a valuation</p> <p>16 methodology. I don't know exactly what that</p> <p>17 methodology was.</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q And in the earlier settlement presentation</p> <p>20 we looked at, it's suggested that these assets</p> <p>21 were worth \$94 million. Is that consistent with</p> <p>22 your recollection?</p> <p>23 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>24 A I don't remember what the date or the</p> <p>25 timing of that was, so I don't want to commit to,</p>
<p>182</p> <p>1 A I'd refer to counsel as to the</p> <p>2 applicability and what these words mean. These</p> <p>3 words seem clear to me on their face, but, you</p> <p>4 know, I can read them the same way. They seem --</p> <p>5 they speak for themselves.</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q Yeah, but -- so you were counsel to</p> <p>8 Highland and I believe you testified earlier that</p> <p>9 you did work for these funds and you certainly had</p> <p>10 a role in this particular insurance policy. So</p> <p>11 setting aside what the words say, what was your</p> <p>12 understanding? Why did the funds get this policy?</p> <p>13 A To insure against a loss in a lawsuit.</p> <p>14 Q In a lawsuit against UBS?</p> <p>15 A In the UBS lawsuit.</p> <p>16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>18 Q Do you know whether there were any</p> <p>19 endorsements to this policy?</p> <p>20 A I have knowledge that there might have</p> <p>21 been subsequently, but I don't have direct</p> <p>22 recollection of them.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. Would Highland have conducted its</p> <p>24 own valuation of the assets prior to entering into</p> <p>25 this policy?</p>	<p>184</p> <p>1 but I know there was a number -- I know there was</p> <p>2 a number in time. I don't know what time you're</p> <p>3 referring to, but...</p> <p>4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>5 Q Well, that settlement analysis was in</p> <p>6 April 2019.</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>8 A Okay.</p> <p>9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>10 Q So that was a few months before this</p> <p>11 policy.</p> <p>12 A Agreed.</p> <p>13 Q But sitting here today, you don't recall</p> <p>14 if these assets were worth approximately</p> <p>15 \$94 million, at least as someone at Highland had</p> <p>16 valued them?</p> <p>17 A I know I saw that for April. I don't know</p> <p>18 what it was in July, August, subsequent before</p> <p>19 that. Yeah, I...</p> <p>20 Q Could have gone up, could have gone down?</p> <p>21 A I wouldn't know.</p> <p>22 Q And that wouldn't be relevant to know</p> <p>23 before you entered into this policy?</p> <p>24 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>25 A I guess I don't understand the question.</p>

<p>185</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q That's a double negative. Would that be</p> <p>3 relevant to know before you entered into this</p> <p>4 policy?</p> <p>5 A I think that valuation methodology was an</p> <p>6 input. As to its relevance, that was outside of</p> <p>7 my -- the scope of my involvement.</p> <p>8 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Okay. I'm going to ask</p> <p>9 this to be marked as Exhibit 58.</p> <p>10 (Deposition Exhibit 58 marked for</p> <p>11 identification.)</p> <p>12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>13 Q Exhibit 58 is another version of the</p> <p>14 insurance policy that we've been looking at, but</p> <p>15 it has two endorsements. So if you want to focus</p> <p>16 on the Bates ended 27 and 28.</p> <p>17 A Okay.</p> <p>18 Q Are you familiar with either of these</p> <p>19 endorsements?</p> <p>20 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>21 A Not directly.</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q Okay. Well, I think you testified that</p> <p>24 you thought there were endorsements to the policy.</p> <p>25 Do you have any -- are these the endorsements that</p>	<p>187</p> <p>1 that -- I remember her becoming a director at some</p> <p>2 point. I don't remember exactly when.</p> <p>3 Q And this endorsement says that the premium</p> <p>4 as stated in this schedule is adjusted to</p> <p>5 \$68,362,333.62, to include the total fair value of</p> <p>6 received assets.</p> <p>7 Are you with me?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Do you know who would have</p> <p>10 calculated the total fair value of received</p> <p>11 assets?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q Do you know why that number would have --</p> <p>14 do you know why that number would not have been</p> <p>15 calculated before you entered into -- the</p> <p>16 premium into the policy?</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>18 A I don't know. I don't recall.</p> <p>19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>20 Q Do you know whether that number is</p> <p>21 consistent with any valuation that anybody did</p> <p>22 before signing the insurance policy?</p> <p>23 A No. I don't know. And I don't know the</p> <p>24 timing of this either, so I -- no.</p> <p>25 Q Well, it has to come after the insurance</p>
<p>186</p> <p>1 you thought you recalled?</p> <p>2 A Yes. I came to know that there was a</p> <p>3 question about endorsements. I didn't work on it,</p> <p>4 so I -- these don't seem particularly -- I don't</p> <p>5 have a direct recollection of these. I kind of</p> <p>6 anecdotally knew that there had been these</p> <p>7 endorsements.</p> <p>8 Q Do you know when these endorsements were</p> <p>9 entered into?</p> <p>10 A I don't.</p> <p>11 Q Let's take a look at the first one. The</p> <p>12 first one is -- again, it's not dated and it's</p> <p>13 signed by Lesley Thompson, director. Do you know</p> <p>14 when Ms. Thompson became a -- well, do you know</p> <p>15 whether Ms. Thompson was ever a director of</p> <p>16 Sentinel?</p> <p>17 A I guess she elevated to a director at some</p> <p>18 point from whatever she was before. I don't</p> <p>19 recall when that would've been.</p> <p>20 Q You don't know when that took place?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q And are you basing that assumption on</p> <p>23 anything besides the fact that it's stamped</p> <p>24 director here?</p> <p>25 A That -- seeing that stamp recalls</p>	<p>188</p> <p>1 policy because it's an endorsement, right?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q And then this further breaks down the</p> <p>4 premium into cash, miscellaneous receivables. Do</p> <p>5 you know what the miscellaneous receivables are?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q And an investment portfolio, and it</p> <p>8 provides a number of \$55,525,457.88 as measured at</p> <p>9 fair value on the transfer date. Do you know what</p> <p>10 the transfer date would be?</p> <p>11 A August of some -- August of 2017 at some</p> <p>12 point is what I would think as the transfer date.</p> <p>13 Q Do you know why the estimate of</p> <p>14 \$94 million that we saw in April 2019 has gone</p> <p>15 down to 68 million?</p> <p>16 A I don't.</p> <p>17 Q And then it says here that all other terms</p> <p>18 and conditions remain unchanged?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q So is it your understanding that the</p> <p>21 amount of coverage would remain the same?</p> <p>22 A I don't want to interpret a Cayman Islands</p> <p>23 insurance document. It speaks for itself.</p> <p>24 Q You would agree that one term of the</p> <p>25 insurance policy is the indemnity limit, correct?</p>

<p>189</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q So why would the premium increase by</p> <p>3 150 percent but the amount of coverage would</p> <p>4 remain the same?</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>6 A I don't know.</p> <p>7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>8 Q Does that seem reasonable to you?</p> <p>9 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>10 A I don't have a view as to what the</p> <p>11 auditors or anyone else -- what conclusions they</p> <p>12 came to. I wouldn't know.</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q Was there any other insurance policy that</p> <p>15 you were aware of, where Sentinel had agreed to</p> <p>16 provide an amount of coverage for a premium</p> <p>17 consisting of over two-thirds of the amount of</p> <p>18 coverage?</p> <p>19 A I'm sorry, can you repeat that?</p> <p>20 Q Are you aware of any other policy that was</p> <p>21 issued by Sentinel, where the premium was over</p> <p>22 two-thirds of the coverage amount?</p> <p>23 A Not that I recall.</p> <p>24 Q Do you know why the insured didn't sign</p> <p>25 this endorsement?</p>	<p>191</p> <p>1 Q Yeah, an additional \$9 million are being</p> <p>2 prepaid by the insured to the insurer. Is that on</p> <p>3 top of the money assets that were already</p> <p>4 transferred to Sentinel?</p> <p>5 A I don't know.</p> <p>6 Q You don't know. If that was an additional</p> <p>7 \$9 million, is there any reason why the amount of</p> <p>8 liability or the amount of coverage would be</p> <p>9 lowered?</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>11 A I don't have a view on this. I'm not</p> <p>12 familiar with it.</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q Okay. So you're not -- looking at</p> <p>15 Endorsement No. 1, looking at Endorsement No. 2,</p> <p>16 you have no idea, you were not involved at all in</p> <p>17 these endorsements and you don't understand the</p> <p>18 context behind either of them?</p> <p>19 A I don't recall being involved in this. I</p> <p>20 don't know what the dates were, so I -- I can't</p> <p>21 speak to them with any authority.</p> <p>22 Q Would the same valuation team have come up</p> <p>23 with the \$68 million total fair value here?</p> <p>24 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>25 A I don't know. I don't know.</p>
<p>190</p> <p>1 A I don't.</p> <p>2 Q If you look at the second endorsement,</p> <p>3 Endorsement No. 2. This is also undated and I</p> <p>4 take it you don't know when this was signed</p> <p>5 either?</p> <p>6 A I don't.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. And it looks like this is also</p> <p>8 signed by Lesley Thompson, but she's not listed as</p> <p>9 a director. Do you know if Ms. Thompson ceased</p> <p>10 being a director at some point in time?</p> <p>11 A I don't recall.</p> <p>12 Q And then in this endorsement, the premium</p> <p>13 has been further reduced to 59,362,333.62;</p> <p>14 9 million has been prepaid by the insured to the</p> <p>15 insurer and then the limit of indemnity is reduced</p> <p>16 to 91 million. Is that a fair reading of this</p> <p>17 endorsement?</p> <p>18 MS. SMITH: Objection as to form.</p> <p>19 A It says what it says.</p> <p>20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>21 Q So you don't have an understanding one way</p> <p>22 or the other if this reflects that the insureds</p> <p>23 are paying an additional \$9 million to Sentinel?</p> <p>24 A Sorry, say that last part, the insureds</p> <p>25 are paying an additional --</p>	<p>192</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Okay. So you don't know who calculated</p> <p>3 that as the total fair value?</p> <p>4 A I don't.</p> <p>5 Q And you don't recall anybody having any</p> <p>6 discussions around increasing the premium or</p> <p>7 decreasing the premium at any point after the</p> <p>8 policy was signed?</p> <p>9 A Not that I recall being a part of.</p> <p>10 Q And you don't recall being part of any</p> <p>11 discussions in which the amount of coverage was</p> <p>12 being adjusted after the policy was signed?</p> <p>13 A Not that I remember, no.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. So after the policy and the</p> <p>15 purchase agreement were signed, did you have any</p> <p>16 involvement with Sentinel going forward?</p> <p>17 A It became minimal. Not a lot of</p> <p>18 involvement.</p> <p>19 Q Do you know why?</p> <p>20 A I started focusing on other matters.</p> <p>21 Q Are you aware that there was a trial in</p> <p>22 the UBS litigation?</p> <p>23 A I'm sorry, when?</p> <p>24 Q Pardon me?</p> <p>25 A When?</p>

<p>193</p> <p>1 Q Are you aware there was a trial in 2018 in 2 the UBS litigation? 3 A Am I aware of that today or was I aware of 4 that then? 5 Q Well, were you aware of it at the time? 6 A No. 7 Q When did you become aware of it? 8 A In the past several months. 9 Q Was it before you left Highland? 10 A I think it would've been during the 11 pendency of Highland's bankruptcy, I probably 12 would've learned more about the UBS matter, just 13 because it was front and center in the Highland 14 bankruptcy. I don't recall knowing that at the 15 time. 16 Q Okay. So you don't recall knowing at the 17 time that there was a trial that could potentially 18 generate an adverse loss that would trigger 19 coverage under this policy? 20 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 21 A I knew at a high level that that was in 22 the works. I didn't know anything about the 23 timing or anything about that. 24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 25 Q What do you mean that you knew that it was</p>	<p>195</p> <p>1 that? 2 A I don't. I came to know it anecdotally 3 and I can't pinpoint as to when that may have 4 been. 5 Q Not even as before or after you left 6 Highland? 7 A I honestly don't know what date the 8 actual -- when this was in 2020. No, I can't 9 pinpoint it. I don't know. I certainly came to 10 know it, though. 11 Q Before you left Highland, was there any -- 12 to your knowledge, was there any claim made on 13 this insurance policy? 14 A Before I left Highland? 15 Q Uh-huh. 16 A Was there a claim -- I don't know. 17 MS. TOMKOWIAK: I've been told we need to 18 switch tapes again. 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This ends disk 2. The 20 time is 2:46 p.m. We are off the record. 21 (Recess taken from 2:46 p.m. CDT to 22 3:00 p.m. CDT) 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins disk No. 3 24 in the deposition of Jean Paul Sevilla. The time 25 is 3 p.m. We are back on the record.</p>
<p>194</p> <p>1 in the works? 2 A I knew there was a lawsuit referred to in 3 the policy, so I knew there was some sort of 4 litigation progressing. I didn't know where it 5 was at any given moment, is my point. 6 Q And you had no role in the trial? 7 A No. 8 Q Are you aware, sitting here today, that a 9 judgment in UBS's favor was entered in the first 10 quarter of 2020? 11 A I have heard that. 12 Q Do you recall when you heard that? 13 A No. 14 Q Was it while you were still employed at 15 Highland? 16 MS. SMITH: Objection. 17 If this has anything to do with 18 conversations with your counsel, then it's 19 privileged. 20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 21 Q Yeah, I agree. I'm not interested in your 22 conversations with your counsel. But outside of 23 those conversations, and I don't want to know 24 specifics, but do you recall when -- not from who 25 or the substance, do you recall when you heard</p>	<p>196</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Okay. Mr. Sevilla, so if you go back to 3 the schedule of the insurance policy that we've 4 been looking at. 5 A Yes. 6 Q So for the first insured Highland CDO 7 Opportunity Master Fund LP, who negotiated this 8 insurance agreement on behalf of that entity? 9 A Highland. 10 Q Who with Highland? Who at Highland? 11 A I don't know if I can point to an 12 individual, but I would consider Highland as 13 authorizing that entity intent to enter into the 14 policy. 15 Q Well, did Mr. Dondero have a role? 16 A I think he signed the -- he signed the 17 policy. 18 Q I see that he signed it, but did he have a 19 role negotiating the policy for Highland CDO 20 Opportunity Master Fund? 21 A I'm not sure what negotiation there was. 22 I don't know. 23 Q Was there any negotiation? 24 A I don't know. I don't know what the level 25 of negotiation was.</p>

<p>197</p> <p>1 Q What about Mr. Ellington? Would he have 2 had a role? 3 A I'm not sure. 4 Q Okay. So you just have no clue who 5 negotiated this agreement on behalf of Highland 6 CDO Opportunity Master Fund? 7 A I don't know if there were discussions 8 that I'm not privy to, so I don't know. 9 Q Okay. Yeah, you only know what you know, 10 but you don't know? 11 A Correct. 12 Q Same question with respect to Highland CDO 13 Holding Company. Do you know who negotiated this 14 policy on their behalf? 15 A It would be the same answer, Highland. 16 Q But you don't know who at Highland? 17 A I can't point to a single person, no. 18 Q You have no idea? 19 A I don't know. 20 Q And what about with respect to Highland 21 Special Opportunities Holding Company? Who 22 negotiated this policy on its behalf? 23 A Same answer. 24 Q And just for the record, the same answer 25 meaning, you don't know?</p>	<p>199</p> <p>1 about that at all? 2 A I learned of it anecdotally. I can't 3 point to the date when I came to know that 4 information. It was not on November -- 5 Q 2019? 6 A It was not then. 7 Q Okay. So there's a \$1.2 billion decision, 8 but you don't recall learning about it at the 9 time? 10 A I can't point to when I came to know of 11 it. 12 Q But to the best of your recollection, it 13 was not in November 2019? 14 A Correct. It was not in real time. Let's 15 put it that way. 16 Q And are you aware that that decision was 17 not made public for a period of time so that UBS 18 and the Highland defendants in that action could 19 try to negotiate a settlement? 20 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 21 A I know nothing about that. 22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 23 Q You know nothing about that? 24 A No. 25 Q You weren't part of those discussions?</p>
<p>198</p> <p>1 A I believe Highland negotiated on their 2 behalf. 3 Q But you don't know who at Highland? 4 A I don't. 5 Q What about Sentinel Reinsurance? Do you 6 know who specifically negotiated this policy on 7 its behalf? 8 A Same answer. I don't know. Sentinel on 9 its behalf. 10 Q But you don't know the specific 11 individuals? 12 A No. 13 Q You said you can't point to a single 14 person. Is there a combination of persons you can 15 point to? 16 A I can't identify names, if that's the 17 question. 18 Q I guess the question is, can you be any 19 more specific than Highland? 20 A I don't think so. 21 Q Are you aware that in November 2019, the 22 judge in the New York State court issued a 23 judgment in Phase 1 of the trial with UBS? 24 A No. 25 Q So at the time you don't recall hearing</p>	<p>200</p> <p>1 A If you're representing that that's what 2 happened, I don't know. 3 MS. SMITH: Objection. 4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 5 Q Oh, no, you weren't -- yeah, you were not 6 part of any settlement negotiations or discussions 7 in the late 2019-2020 time period? 8 A No. 9 Q And were you aware that any such 10 settlement discussions were occurring? 11 A No. 12 Q Did you hear that there was roughly a 13 \$1 billion judgment? 14 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 15 A When? Sorry, this feels like a question 16 I've already -- but I came to know it at some 17 point. 18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 19 Q But at some point you came to know it, 20 right? 21 A Yeah. 22 Q And I -- a few months ago? Five month 23 ago? Six months ago? Before you left Highland? 24 A It wasn't in real time. I can't point to 25 when I came to know it. But as I sit here today,</p>

<p>201</p> <p>1 that sounds familiar to me and it sounds like I 2 have heard that. I can't point to when I learned 3 it. I don't know. 4 Q Whenever you came to learn it, did you say 5 to anybody, hey, there's an insurance policy that 6 could help pay that judgment? 7 A I did not say that. 8 Q Why not? 9 A Nobody asked me and it was outside of -- I 10 don't know. I just -- I don't know. 11 Q Well, did you think of the insurance 12 policy when you heard that there was a \$1 billion 13 judgment in UBS's favor? 14 A Did I think of it? 15 Q Yeah. 16 A I'm sure I did. 17 Q Did you raise it with anybody at the time? 18 A No. 19 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 20 A No. 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q After Highland declared bankruptcy, what 23 was your role? 24 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 25 A I was largely focused on the private</p>	<p>203</p> <p>1 Q Correct. 2 A I don't recall. 3 Q Do you recall if you were aware of it 4 after the -- sorry, after the board was put in 5 place? 6 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 7 A Again, I can't point to a date. I can't 8 point to it. 9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 10 Q And when you -- you said you thought of 11 it, did you discuss it with anybody? 12 A No, I did not. 13 Q Well, if you knew that there was 14 \$100 million in coverage available for this 15 \$1 billion judgment, why wouldn't you raise that 16 with somebody? 17 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 18 A It's not something I worked on. Others 19 were working on those matters. I had my own job 20 to worry about, my own tasks. 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q Well, you worked on the policy, right? 23 A When? 24 Q In 2017. 25 A Yes.</p>
<p>202</p> <p>1 equity business at that point. 2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 3 Q And in that role, did you understand that 4 after the bankruptcy that you were -- that you 5 reported to the indirect -- sorry, the independent 6 board of the Highland then debtor? 7 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 8 A Can you repeat that? 9 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 10 Q Yeah. So after Highland filed for 11 bankruptcy, did you understand that Highland was 12 being managed by an independent board of 13 directors? 14 A I think there was a gap between when 15 Highland filed and the board came in. 16 Q Do you recall when the board came in? 17 A Beginning of 2020. I can't point to the 18 date, but sometime in early -- very early 2020. 19 Q Okay. So between when Highland filed for 20 bankruptcy and the independent board came in, do 21 you recall being aware in that time period of the 22 \$1 billion judgment against Highland in UBS's 23 favor? 24 A Sorry, between when Highland filed and 25 when the board came in?</p>	<p>204</p> <p>1 Q Okay. But by 2019, '20, is it your 2 testimony that that was somebody else's job? 3 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 4 A No. My job was what I was working on at 5 the time, which was largely trying to turn the 6 portfolio companies around. Other people did 7 their jobs. 8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 9 Q Did anybody ever tell you to disclose this 10 policy to UBS? 11 A Did anyone ever tell me that? No. 12 Q Did anybody ever tell you not to disclose 13 the existence of this policy to UBS? 14 A No. 15 Q Did anybody ever tell you not to disclose 16 the existence of this policy to any of the 17 independent directors? 18 A Nobody ever told me that. 19 Q Did you ever disclose this policy to any 20 of the independent directors? 21 A No. 22 Q Why not? 23 A It wasn't my job. I was never asked and I 24 had plenty of other things to do that were within 25 my lane.</p>

<p>205</p> <p>1 Q Did you ever discuss the -- disclose the 2 existence of this policy to any of the outside 3 counsel that was representing Highland or the 4 independent board? 5 A I did not. 6 Q Did anybody ever instruct you not to do 7 that? 8 A No. 9 Q Before you left Highland, do you recall 10 Mr. Ellington ever raising this policy again? 11 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 13 Q Let me rephrase that. After -- at any 14 point in time after you learned that UBS had 15 obtained a \$1 billion judgment, do you recall 16 Mr. Ellington raising the ATE policy? 17 A No. 18 Q Do you recall anybody else raising it? 19 A No. 20 Q Do you recall receiving any communications 21 from Sentinel or any of its auditors following the 22 judgment? 23 A No. 24 Q Did you think that it was strange that 25 nobody had made a claim on the policy?</p>	<p>207</p> <p>1 vendors in connection with their representation of 2 the insureds in the UBS litigation? 3 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 4 A And during what time frame? 5 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 6 Q Between 2017 and 2020. 7 A I think over the course of '17, I recall 8 there being expenses that I passed through to the 9 Sentinel board and the administrator. I don't 10 remember what the expenses were or the size, but I 11 remember them -- I remember being told that they 12 were related to the litigation. But after that, 13 no, I don't recall. After 2017, I don't recall 14 that workflow or being asked to do that. 15 Q And other than your lawyers sitting here 16 today, have you ever spoken with anybody on this 17 planet about this policy since you heard about the 18 \$1 billion judgment in UBS's favor? 19 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 20 A Since I came to learn of the 21 billion-dollar judgment and what, and now? 22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 23 Q Uh-huh. 24 A And now? 25 Q Yeah.</p>
<p>206</p> <p>1 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 2 A I didn't have an opinion one way or the 3 other. I was focused on my job. 4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 5 Q At this point in time, did you know 6 whether any part of that policy had been written 7 down or used to pay other costs in connection with 8 the UBS litigation? 9 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 10 A Can you ask -- sorry, can you ask that 11 again? 12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 13 Q Sure. Were you aware if the -- was there 14 still \$100 million in coverage left on the policy 15 in 2020, or do you know whether part of that had 16 been used to pay for other costs that were covered 17 by the policy? 18 A I don't have -- sorry, I don't have direct 19 knowledge as to what had -- what, if anything, had 20 been -- you said paid for legal -- for legal 21 expenses. 22 Q Did you have any role in paying outside 23 counsel or other vendors -- let me rephrase that. 24 Did you have any role in facilitating 25 payment from Sentinel to outside counsel or other</p>	<p>208</p> <p>1 A Have I spoken about the policy to anyone 2 other than my lawyers? 3 Q Correct. Other than to your lawyers who 4 are representing you in your personal -- 5 A Yeah, I get it. No, not that I can 6 recall. 7 Q So you thought about it, but you didn't 8 discuss it with anyone? 9 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 10 A Yeah. I guess, I -- I made the connection 11 briefly but, no, I didn't bring it up to anyone 12 and I didn't -- no, I didn't talk about it with 13 anyone. 14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 15 Q I'm handing you what has been marked 16 previously in this case as Exhibit 2. 17 A Okay. 18 Q Exhibit 2 is the seven-page document 19 titled Purchase Agreement, dated August 7, 2017. 20 Is this the purchase agreement that we've been 21 referring to today? 22 A I believe so. 23 Q And I think you said, and I just wanted to 24 clarify, that you might have drafted this and then 25 provided it to outside counsel for review; is that</p>

<p>209</p> <p>1 right?</p> <p>2 A So I worked on this Schedule A,</p> <p>3 transferring it into Word form. And I recall</p> <p>4 working on the purchase agreement with outside</p> <p>5 counsel -- I believe I -- I worked on it</p> <p>6 initially, sent it to outside counsel just from a</p> <p>7 form and they added to it. It's pretty -- it's</p> <p>8 pretty short.</p> <p>9 Q From a form -- was this a Highland form?</p> <p>10 A I don't recall. I don't recall if it was</p> <p>11 a Highland form.</p> <p>12 Q Do you recall who asked you to put an</p> <p>13 initial draft of this together?</p> <p>14 A Again, I don't -- I don't recall who</p> <p>15 asked. It was sort of on the list of things that</p> <p>16 needed to be done. I don't recall who asked.</p> <p>17 Q If you look at Section 1, it says</p> <p>18 Purchaser, and that is Sentinel, agrees to accept</p> <p>19 the assets listed in Schedule A hereto as</p> <p>20 100 percent payment of the premium.</p> <p>21 And then it goes on to say, skipping a</p> <p>22 clause, that: with the explicit undertaking that</p> <p>23 if anything of value is received by the Sellers,</p> <p>24 such cash or other item of value shall be held in</p> <p>25 trust for the Purchaser and promptly remitted</p>	<p>211</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Okay. The purchaser is Sentinel</p> <p>3 Reinsurance, right?</p> <p>4 A Yes.</p> <p>5 Q We're in the first paragraph or the</p> <p>6 preamble. And then the sellers are Highland CDO</p> <p>7 Opportunity Master Fund, Highland CDO Holding</p> <p>8 Company and Highland Special Opportunities Holding</p> <p>9 Company, right?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q And these sellers are the same three</p> <p>12 entities that are the insureds under the policy?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>14 A I'd have to --</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q You can take a look at the -- if you want</p> <p>17 to compare, match them up.</p> <p>18 A Yeah. Yes, they are the same.</p> <p>19 Q If you'd turn to Schedule A. So the</p> <p>20 assets listed in Schedule A are what the purchaser</p> <p>21 Sentinel has agreed to accept as payment for the</p> <p>22 premium, right?</p> <p>23 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>24 A It's whatever the document says.</p> <p>25</p>
<p>210</p> <p>1 thereto.</p> <p>2 And then you define that as the</p> <p>3 transferred interest. Do you see that?</p> <p>4 A I see that.</p> <p>5 Q Is that meant to say that if the sellers</p> <p>6 receive anything of value not listed in</p> <p>7 Schedule A, that they commit to remitting those</p> <p>8 interests to Sentinel as well?</p> <p>9 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>11 Q A simpler question would be, what did you</p> <p>12 mean by that?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>14 A I don't recall exactly. I don't know if</p> <p>15 outside counsel drafted the -- what is it, the</p> <p>16 explicit undertaking. My view would be that</p> <p>17 anything deriving from the assets in Schedule A,</p> <p>18 but I -- that's my understanding.</p> <p>19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>20 Q What would that be? Like cash</p> <p>21 distributions? Do you have any understanding of</p> <p>22 that?</p> <p>23 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>24 A Not particularly. I don't really recall.</p> <p>25</p>	<p>212</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Right. That's what the document says.</p> <p>3 That's what we just read: The Purchaser agrees to</p> <p>4 accept the assets listed in Schedule A hereto as</p> <p>5 100 percent payment of the Premium.</p> <p>6 A Okay.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. And there's six different entities</p> <p>8 listed here, right?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Why are entities -- you agree with me that</p> <p>11 at least three of these entities are not covered</p> <p>12 insureds under the insurance policy, right?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>14 A I don't know if that's true or not. I</p> <p>15 can't agree with that.</p> <p>16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>17 Q Well, Highland CDO Opportunity Master</p> <p>18 Fund, that's an insured under the policy, right?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. And Highland CDO Opportunity Fund,</p> <p>21 is that an insured under the policy?</p> <p>22 A I don't know. I don't know how these</p> <p>23 entities are related to each other or whether --</p> <p>24 the answer is I don't know if they're an insured</p> <p>25 or not.</p>

<p>213</p> <p>1 Q Well, I mean, the insurance policy that</p> <p>2 you worked on lists three companies that are</p> <p>3 insured, right, three I should say entities, three</p> <p>4 funds?</p> <p>5 A I agree that there are three entities</p> <p>6 listed as insured.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. So are you saying that there might</p> <p>8 have been other entities that were insured under</p> <p>9 the policy that weren't listed in the schedule to</p> <p>10 the policy?</p> <p>11 A I'm saying I'm not certain as to how these</p> <p>12 entities are related to own each other or not such</p> <p>13 that they are insureds as well. I don't know if</p> <p>14 that's a matter of insurance law or what. I just</p> <p>15 don't want to represent to that because I'm not</p> <p>16 certain.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. And you don't know why entities</p> <p>18 that don't appear to be insureds would be</p> <p>19 transferring assets to pay a premium on a policy</p> <p>20 that they're not insured under?</p> <p>21 A Again, I know they're related to each</p> <p>22 other in some way. I don't know how and I don't</p> <p>23 know what the structure chart looks like, so I</p> <p>24 can't speak to that.</p> <p>25 Q But for purposes of paying the premium on</p>	<p>215</p> <p>1 premium. That's where I would -- that's how I</p> <p>2 would say it.</p> <p>3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>4 Q Where did the list of assets on the</p> <p>5 schedule come from?</p> <p>6 A The accounting team.</p> <p>7 Q And the assets that are listed under</p> <p>8 Highland -- I'm sorry, who on the accounting team?</p> <p>9 Is that Mr. Stoops that would have provided this?</p> <p>10 A Mr. Stoops or one of his colleagues. I</p> <p>11 don't know exactly who.</p> <p>12 Q And Highland CDO Opportunity Master Fund,</p> <p>13 is this all of the assets at that fund in</p> <p>14 August 2017?</p> <p>15 A I don't know for certain.</p> <p>16 Q So you don't know one way or the other if</p> <p>17 this is a complete list of all of the assets at</p> <p>18 Highland CDO Opportunity Master Fund in</p> <p>19 August 2017?</p> <p>20 A Yeah, I -- I can't represent to the</p> <p>21 accuracy of this. It's something I received from</p> <p>22 another team at Highland. I didn't check line by</p> <p>23 line and tick-and-tie them.</p> <p>24 Q Was the intent that all of the assets of</p> <p>25 each of these entities would be used to pay the</p>
<p>214</p> <p>1 the policy, all of these entities commingled their</p> <p>2 assets together and that's what was used to pay</p> <p>3 the premium?</p> <p>4 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>5 A I'm not going to opine on the commingled</p> <p>6 part. The purchase agreement says what it says.</p> <p>7 These are the assets in Schedule A.</p> <p>8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>9 Q That will be used to pay the premium on</p> <p>10 the insurance policy?</p> <p>11 A That's what the -- yes, the policy says.</p> <p>12 Q Who negotiated the purchase agreement on</p> <p>13 behalf of Sentinel?</p> <p>14 A Sentinel.</p> <p>15 Q Who at Sentinel?</p> <p>16 A I can't point to a specific advisor or</p> <p>17 outside counsel.</p> <p>18 Q If your issue is with my word commingled,</p> <p>19 would you agree with me that all of these entities</p> <p>20 pooled their assets to pay the premium on the</p> <p>21 insurance policy?</p> <p>22 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>23 A I wouldn't editorialize it one way or</p> <p>24 another. The schedule is what it says and the</p> <p>25 schedule is a list of assets used to pay for a</p>	<p>216</p> <p>1 premium on the insurance policy?</p> <p>2 A That was the intent.</p> <p>3 Q So when you say you don't know, you mean</p> <p>4 you just don't know if something was inadvertently</p> <p>5 left off, but if -- the intent was that all of the</p> <p>6 assets of each of the entities listed on</p> <p>7 Schedule A were supposed to be transferred to</p> <p>8 Sentinel to pay the premium on the insurance</p> <p>9 policy?</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>11 A I just don't want to represent to the</p> <p>12 accuracy of this just -- because I haven't done</p> <p>13 the work to tick-and-tie. But you have my answer</p> <p>14 as to the intent.</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q So to your knowledge, after the transfers</p> <p>17 were made pursuant to this purchase agreement, the</p> <p>18 entities listed on Schedule A had no assets left?</p> <p>19 A Again, I can't -- I don't know personally</p> <p>20 whether that's the case or not. I never checked.</p> <p>21 I never did that.</p> <p>22 Q But that was the intent?</p> <p>23 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>24 A The intent was for the assets on this</p> <p>25 schedule provided to me to be transferred.</p>

<p>217</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Would you say this transaction was in the</p> <p>3 ordinary course of business?</p> <p>4 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>5 A Whose ordinary course of business?</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q Highland's.</p> <p>8 A I don't think I would say one way or the</p> <p>9 other.</p> <p>10 Q Well, was it common to transfer all of the</p> <p>11 assets out of multiple funds on one day to another</p> <p>12 entity?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>14 A Again, I can't speak to what's common or</p> <p>15 not. I'm just -- I'm not able to speak to what's</p> <p>16 common or not.</p> <p>17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>18 Q Can you recall working on another transfer</p> <p>19 of assets of this scope or magnitude in the time</p> <p>20 that you worked at Highland?</p> <p>21 A I mean, when you have a fund launch,</p> <p>22 you're selling securities into the market and it's</p> <p>23 at a high -- it's at a high volume, a high level.</p> <p>24 I can't say -- this is the only policy -- ATE</p> <p>25 policy I worked on while I was at Highland.</p>	<p>219</p> <p>1 A I think that's probably true.</p> <p>2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>3 Q You know that's true, or you just believe</p> <p>4 that to be the case?</p> <p>5 A I believe at the time that was true.</p> <p>6 Q Why do you believe that?</p> <p>7 A Because they provided the schedule.</p> <p>8 Q Would they have needed somebody else's</p> <p>9 approval to do that before sending you the</p> <p>10 schedule?</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>12 A I don't know.</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q Did the accounting team have any questions</p> <p>15 about why they were providing this to you?</p> <p>16 A Not that they asked me, no.</p> <p>17 Q Do you know whether there were multiple</p> <p>18 versions of this schedule?</p> <p>19 A I don't recall.</p> <p>20 Q Do you know whether the list of assets</p> <p>21 that were to be transferred were changed or</p> <p>22 adjusted at any time before this was finalized?</p> <p>23 A Not that -- no, not that I recall.</p> <p>24 Q Anything about these assets that made them</p> <p>25 particularly illiquid?</p>
<p>218</p> <p>1 Q And who directed the accounting team to</p> <p>2 provide this list of assets?</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>4 A I'm not sure.</p> <p>5 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>6 Q It wasn't you?</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>8 A Initially, no. No, it wasn't -- no, it</p> <p>9 wasn't.</p> <p>10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>11 Q What do you mean by initially?</p> <p>12 A I'm sure I asked for a schedule, but I</p> <p>13 distinguish that from directing the accounting</p> <p>14 team to send me information. I don't know who</p> <p>15 originally -- I don't know where the directive</p> <p>16 came from originally.</p> <p>17 Q But there was a directive originally?</p> <p>18 A I know the policy contemplated the</p> <p>19 schedule of assets. How it came to be that that</p> <p>20 asset group was identified, I'm not certain.</p> <p>21 Q So when you reached out to the accounting</p> <p>22 team to give this to you, they had already been</p> <p>23 given guidance from somebody else on what that</p> <p>24 list needed to include?</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p>	<p>220</p> <p>1 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>2 A Not that I have direct knowledge of. That</p> <p>3 would have been a valuation question, valuation</p> <p>4 team question.</p> <p>5 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>6 Q Was it your understanding that these</p> <p>7 assets were being transferred to Sentinel so that</p> <p>8 Sentinel could turn them into cash?</p> <p>9 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>10 A I don't remember being told that.</p> <p>11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>12 Q Do you remember telling anybody that?</p> <p>13 A I don't recall telling anyone that either.</p> <p>14 Q On the face of this schedule, are you able</p> <p>15 to tell what the fair value is of these assets?</p> <p>16 A I am not.</p> <p>17 MS. TOMKOWIAK: I'm going to ask the court</p> <p>18 reporter to mark this next document as Exhibit 59.</p> <p>19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>20 Q It printed out a little bit small, so --</p> <p>21 and let me know if there's something that you</p> <p>22 cannot read when you see it.</p> <p>23 (Deposition Exhibit 59 marked for</p> <p>24 identification.)</p> <p>25</p>

<p>221</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Take a few minutes to study it and let me 3 know when you're ready. 4 (Witness reviews document.) 5 A Okay. 6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 7 Q So Exhibit 59 is an e-mail and an 8 attachment. The attachment is also a native file, 9 so that's why, like the other attachment that we 10 looked at, it doesn't have a Bates stamp on it. 11 The top e-mail is from Carter Chism to Vishal 12 Patel, and it's dated August 11th, 2017. And if 13 you go back earlier in time in the chain, the very 14 first e-mail is from Mr. Stoops to Mr. Ringheimer, 15 yourself and other individuals. And here 16 Mr. Stoops is asking Mr. Ringheimer to send 17 custodial admin details for the following entities 18 to JP Sevilla and Isaac copied. And then he lists 19 the entities that are on Schedule A at that 20 purchase agreement. 21 MS. SMITH: Sarah, is this attachment the 22 attachment to the top e-mail, Carter to Vishal 23 Patel? 24 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Yes. 25 MS. SMITH: And is this the complete</p>	<p>223</p> <p>1 being done at your direction or at somebody else's 2 direction? 3 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 4 A This would not have been done at my 5 direction. 6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 7 Q Do you know why Mr. Stoops is asking 8 Mr. Ringheimer to send the information to you and 9 Mr. Leventon? 10 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 11 A I don't know who directed him to do it. 12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 13 Q Okay. And then at the bottom of that 14 first e-mail from Mr. Stoops where he says: JP, 15 Isaac, Please forward custodial admin details from 16 the counterparty at your earliest convenience, as 17 we will need to share those with BNY to settle the 18 trades. 19 Do you know who the counterparty is that 20 he's referring to? 21 A I believe it would be Sentinel. 22 Q And above that he says that he has 23 included the feeder funds for CDO fund on here 24 just in case there is also cash held at these 25 entities.</p>
<p>222</p> <p>1 attachment? 2 MS. TOMKOWIAK: That's my understanding. 3 Is that right? Yes. 4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 5 Q So do you recall asking Mr. Stoops to send 6 you custodial admin details for these entities? 7 A Do I recall asking Mr. Stoops that? 8 Q Yeah. 9 A I don't. 10 Q Okay. Do you think that that -- this 11 e-mail would have been after the meeting that you 12 described in the conference room? 13 A Yes. This would have been subsequent to 14 that. 15 Q Okay. And so -- and take as much time as 16 you need, but does it appear to be that this is 17 Mr. Stoops and the accounting team gathering the 18 asset information for Schedule A to the purchase 19 agreement? 20 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 21 A I'd need to look at what's listed here. 22 It appears to be that. I can't -- I mean, I can't 23 read part of this, so I -- you know. 24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 25 Q Yeah, understood. And was all of this</p>	<p>224</p> <p>1 So was the idea here to -- that any cash 2 that was held at any of these entities should be 3 included as part of the assets that were 4 transferred to Sentinel in exchange for the 5 insurance policy? 6 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 7 A I don't recall that. 8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 9 Q Okay. So at the various meetings that you 10 had that you testified to where you discussed the 11 policy and the terms, you don't recall anybody 12 saying that we should take all of the cash held at 13 these entities and transfer it to Sentinel in 14 exchange for the policy? 15 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 16 A Again, I don't remember it being said that 17 way. I remember there being a list of assets, and 18 I did not identify the assets. 19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 20 Q Do you recall if any of these entities 21 entered into purchase agreements with any other 22 entities around the same time frame? 23 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 24 A Sorry, which entities? 25</p>

<p>225</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Well, the ones that -- who are listed on 3 Schedule A. Did they sell any of their assets to 4 anybody besides Sentinel in August 2017? 5 A I don't know. 6 Q You don't know. One more question on that 7 document. There is an e-mail from Chris Dunn to 8 you that is the one that Mr. Chism is then 9 forwarding and he says: JP, See attached for the 10 summary of assets and liabilities by fund as 11 discussed. 12 Do you recall what discussion you had with 13 Mr. Dunn regarding this summary of assets and 14 liabilities? 15 A I do not. 16 Q Would that discussion have occurred by 17 phone or e-mail, if you know? 18 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 19 A I don't know. 20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 21 Q Or in person? 22 A Could have been any of the above. 23 Q Did anybody ever instruct you to limit 24 written communications about Sentinel or this 25 policy?</p>	<p>227</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Exhibit 3 is a e-mail from Shawn Raver to 3 Rick Swadley and he's attaching a tax compliance 4 memo. The date is September 12th, 2018. Before 5 today, have you ever seen this memo? 6 A No. 7 Q So just now was the first time that you've 8 seen it? 9 A Yes. 10 Q Do you know who Shawn Raver is? 11 A Yes. 12 Q Who is he? 13 A He was a tax counsel at Highland. 14 Q And who is Rick Swadley? 15 A He also worked on the tax team at 16 Highland. 17 Q And before when we talked about who worked 18 on the Sentinel policy, you mentioned tax. Is 19 Mr. Swadley one of the people who worked on the 20 Sentinel policy and the purchase agreement? 21 A Yes. 22 Q Okay. Do you know whether Mr. Raver did 23 as well? 24 A I don't recall. 25 Q Okay. Did you have any interactions with</p>
<p>226</p> <p>1 A No. 2 Q Okay. I'm going to hand you what's been 3 previously marked as Exhibit 3. Take a few 4 minutes and let me know when you're ready. 5 (Witness reviews document.) 6 A Should I read the whole memo? 7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 8 Q You don't need to. I will point you to 9 specific parts of it, but you can take as much 10 time as you need or if you're ready now, that's 11 fine. 12 A Why don't I read it, then. 13 Q Okay. 14 MS. SMITH: Sarah, while he's reading, can 15 I take a second and ask a housekeeping question? 16 On this Exhibit 26 that you represented was 17 redacted as Social Security numbers, did Highland 18 redact those before producing it to you or did you 19 redact those before preparing the exhibit for 20 today's deposition? 21 MS. TOMKOWIAK: We did. Did we? We did. 22 MS. SMITH: You did? 23 MS. TOMKOWIAK: We did. 24 (Witness reviews document.) 25 A Okay.</p>	<p>228</p> <p>1 Mr. Raver regarding the UBS policy? 2 A I don't think so. Not that I recall. 3 Q What about with respect to Mr. Swadley? 4 A Did I have any interaction with him -- 5 sorry, can you ask the question again? 6 Q Sure. With respect to the legal liability 7 policy. 8 A Yes. 9 Q What was the nature of those interactions? 10 A I remember discussing the policy with him 11 in July or August of 2017. 12 Q What did you discuss? 13 A The nature of the policy. He asked for a 14 copy of it. That's all I remember. 15 Q Do you know why he was asking for a copy 16 of the policy? 17 A I don't. 18 Q Was that before the policy was finalized 19 or after the policy was finalized? 20 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 21 A I want to say both. Both, before and 22 after, I had discussions with him about it. 23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 24 Q Did your discussions relate to the tax 25 implications of the transaction and entering into</p>

<p>229</p> <p>1 the policy?</p> <p>2 A I don't recall exactly what the substance</p> <p>3 was, but he was on the tax team and it was tax</p> <p>4 stuff.</p> <p>5 Q Do you recall that there were tax</p> <p>6 implications of doing -- entering into this</p> <p>7 purchase agreement and policy?</p> <p>8 A I didn't know of any. I have no knowledge</p> <p>9 of whether there were or not. No one discussed</p> <p>10 that with me.</p> <p>11 Q Would Mr. Swadley have been involved if</p> <p>12 there weren't any tax issues?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>14 A I'm sorry?</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q Would Mr. Swadley be involved if there</p> <p>17 were no tax issues?</p> <p>18 A I think Mr. Swadley works on all manner of</p> <p>19 topics. I wouldn't assume that.</p> <p>20 Q Do you know why Mr. Raver would be putting</p> <p>21 together a memorandum regarding the tax</p> <p>22 consequences of the Sentinel acquisition of the</p> <p>23 assets that we just looked at in June of 2018?</p> <p>24 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>25 A No.</p>	<p>231</p> <p>1 the date of the Transaction was 105,647,679.</p> <p>2 Do you see that?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Do you know where Mr. Raver would have</p> <p>5 gotten that number?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q So we've seen several calculations today.</p> <p>8 I guess I wouldn't call them calculations. We've</p> <p>9 seen several statements today regarding the fair</p> <p>10 value of the assets that were transferred to</p> <p>11 Sentinel, including 94 million, 68 million,</p> <p>12 105 million. Do you have any idea which of those</p> <p>13 valuations is right?</p> <p>14 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>17 Q Well, at least according to this memo, the</p> <p>18 value of those assets was approximately four times</p> <p>19 the premium price; is that right?</p> <p>20 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>21 A I don't know. I mean, it says what it</p> <p>22 says. I don't know what -- I don't know. Are you</p> <p>23 asking if -- sorry, what was the question?</p> <p>24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>25 Q Well, by -- at least by Mr. Raver's memo,</p>
<p>230</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q In the other matters that you've worked on</p> <p>3 at Highland, have you received similar memorandum</p> <p>4 regarding the tax consequences of a particular</p> <p>5 transaction or acquisition that you've worked on?</p> <p>6 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>7 A Have I received memos like this? No.</p> <p>8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>9 Q Do you know if others have?</p> <p>10 A I don't.</p> <p>11 Q If you look at page 2 of the memo and the</p> <p>12 last full paragraph, it says: The aggregate</p> <p>13 purchase price paid by Sentinel for the Assets was</p> <p>14 \$25 million.</p> <p>15 That's the amount of the premium on the</p> <p>16 policy, right?</p> <p>17 A The premium --</p> <p>18 Q On the UBS policy was \$25 million?</p> <p>19 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>20 A In the 2017 policy, yes.</p> <p>21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>22 Q Yes.</p> <p>23 A That's correct.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And then the -- he writes here:</p> <p>25 The aggregate fair market value of the assets on</p>	<p>232</p> <p>1 the value of the assets was at least four times</p> <p>2 the premium paid, right?</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>5 Q 105 million is at least four times greater</p> <p>6 than 25 million?</p> <p>7 A I agree that's what it says.</p> <p>8 Q Did the fair market value of the assets</p> <p>9 that were being transferred to Sentinel really</p> <p>10 matter?</p> <p>11 A I don't understand the question.</p> <p>12 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q Was the premium going to stay 25 million</p> <p>15 regardless of what the value of the assets were</p> <p>16 that Sentinel received for the premium?</p> <p>17 A I don't know.</p> <p>18 Q Who would know that?</p> <p>19 A I don't know. I'm not sure I understand</p> <p>20 the question, but -- I don't know what -- I don't</p> <p>21 know. Can you ask it again?</p> <p>22 Q Sure. Under the policy --</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q -- the premium was \$25 million, right?</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>

<p>233</p> <p>1 Q And the insureds and other Highland 2 entities were using assets to -- and they were 3 transferring those assets to Sentinel as payment 4 for the premium, right? 5 A Yes. 6 Q So did it matter what the fair value or 7 market value or any value of those assets were? 8 Was it going to -- was there -- did it matter in 9 terms of what the premium was or was the premium 10 set and the fair market value of the assets 11 would -- didn't matter? 12 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 13 A So, yeah, so it's compounded. I don't 14 know the answer to both of those. I don't know if 15 the premium would have changed and I don't know to 16 the first part as well. I have no basis to have 17 an opinion on that. I never heard anyone say that 18 to me. 19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 20 Q Did the fair market value of the assets 21 matter when it came to the amount of coverage that 22 Sentinel would provide? 23 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 24 A I don't know. 25</p>	<p>235</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q So this e-mail exchange is discussing the 3 transfers of assets to Sentinel pursuant to the 4 purchase agreement; is that fair? 5 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 6 A Sorry, say -- can you say it again? 7 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 8 Q Sure. The e-mail starts with Ms. Irving 9 providing Sentinel wiring information and she 10 says: Sentinel wiring instructions for cash 11 arising from the transaction are below, thank you. 12 And that's on Bates ending 575. 13 A Yes, I see that. 14 Q Okay. And by transaction, she's referring 15 to the purchase agreement. Do you agree? 16 A I don't know for certain. 17 Q Was there another transaction with 18 Sentinel that was occurring in August 2017? 19 A No, there wasn't. 20 Q And then Mr. Chism writes to Ms. Irving: 21 Please confirm this serves as instruction to wire 22 cash from all HFP funds and all CDO funds to the 23 account listed in the instructions below. 24 Do you know who he's asking for 25 instruction from?</p>
<p>234</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Okay. So you don't recall anybody saying 3 that if the value of the assets being provided to 4 Sentinel was greater than the coverage amount, 5 that maybe the coverage amount should be 6 increased? 7 A I don't remember hearing that or 8 discussing that with anyone. 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Your microphone, sir. 10 THE WITNESS: Shoot. I'm sorry. 11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 12 Q What role did you play in transferring the 13 assets pursuant to the purchase agreement? 14 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 15 A I connected the Highland trading and 16 settlements team with Sentinel's personnel. 17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 18 Q Handing you what's been previously marked 19 in this case as Exhibit 9. Exhibit 9 is an e-mail 20 chain between Mr. Stoops and yourself, amongst 21 several other Highland individuals. Just take a 22 minute with that and let me know when you're 23 ready. 24 (Witness reviews document.) 25 A Okay.</p>	<p>236</p> <p>1 A I don't. 2 Q Okay. And then Mr. Stoops responds and he 3 says: All cash has been sent. Working on DTC 4 securities. Still waiting on delivery 5 instructions for physicals from Legal. 6 Do you know who he's referring to there 7 when he says from legal? 8 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 9 A No, I don't. 10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 11 Q Were you in charge of providing delivery 12 instructions for physicals to Mr. Stoops or 13 anybody else on his team? 14 A I don't think I was in charge of that, no. 15 Q Did you, in fact, provide any of those 16 instructions? 17 A I don't recall whether I did or not. 18 Q Do you know what he means by physicals? 19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 20 A Physical certificates. 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q Physical stock certificates or physical 23 certificates of what? 24 A Securities. 25 Q This e-mail chain is August 11th, which is</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">237</p> <p>1 the day after the insurance policy is signed. Do</p> <p>2 you recall whether there is any urgency or</p> <p>3 deadline for transferring these assets to</p> <p>4 Sentinel?</p> <p>5 A I don't recall any urgency or deadline.</p> <p>6 Q So to the best of your recollection, there</p> <p>7 was no time frame by which the assets needed to be</p> <p>8 transferred to Sentinel?</p> <p>9 A Not that I know of.</p> <p>10 Q I'm handing you what has been previously</p> <p>11 marked in this case as Exhibit 19. And if you can</p> <p>12 take a minute to look through that.</p> <p>13 (Witness reviews document.)</p> <p>14 A Okay.</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q Earlier today we looked at certain of</p> <p>17 Sentinel's financial statements and that showed</p> <p>18 that there were certain investments in certain</p> <p>19 CLOs. Do you recall that?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q And this e-mail chain and attachments</p> <p>22 appears to reflect that there were certain issues</p> <p>23 with the certificates for certain CLOs that were</p> <p>24 supposed to be registered in Sentinel's name that</p> <p>25 were not, in fact, registered in Sentinel's name.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">239</p> <p>1 Q Do you know who those certificates were</p> <p>2 incorrectly registered to?</p> <p>3 A No. I'd have to look at them.</p> <p>4 Q On the page ending 2523, there is an</p> <p>5 e-mail from you to Lesley Thompson that says: Can</p> <p>6 the directors please review and execute the</p> <p>7 attached - these are related to the November</p> <p>8 waterfall distributions for the CLO securities</p> <p>9 held by Sentinel. These should be the last manual</p> <p>10 applications - hopefully State Street has</p> <p>11 acknowledged the transfers into Sentinel's name.</p> <p>12 What was State Street's role in this?</p> <p>13 A Indentured trustee.</p> <p>14 Q So was the mistake on their part?</p> <p>15 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>16 A I'm not sure on whose part the mistake</p> <p>17 was. I don't know when -- no, I don't know.</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q Do you know whether Sentinel received</p> <p>20 additional distributions from these CLOs after</p> <p>21 November 2016?</p> <p>22 A I don't recall offhand.</p> <p>23 Q Okay.</p> <p>24 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Let's take a break.</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: Are we done with this?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">238</p> <p>1 Do you recall this issue at all?</p> <p>2 A I do.</p> <p>3 Q What do you recall about it?</p> <p>4 A Just as you said, certificates -- an</p> <p>5 investment was made in certain CLOs and the</p> <p>6 certificates were never reregistered and so there</p> <p>7 was administrative friction around waterfall</p> <p>8 payments from time to time.</p> <p>9 Q And what are waterfall payments as they</p> <p>10 relate to CLOs?</p> <p>11 A To the extent there's residual cash on a</p> <p>12 quarterly basis, the CLO will pay that cash to the</p> <p>13 bondholder of the relative tranche.</p> <p>14 Q And do you recall whether these CLOs</p> <p>15 regularly made those types of distributions to</p> <p>16 Sentinel?</p> <p>17 A I don't know if they did so regularly.</p> <p>18 They did from time to time.</p> <p>19 Q Do you recall whether this issue was ever</p> <p>20 resolved?</p> <p>21 A I don't recall whether it was ever</p> <p>22 resolved.</p> <p>23 Q So you don't know if the certificates were</p> <p>24 ever registered in Sentinel's name?</p> <p>25 A I don't.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">240</p> <p>1 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Yeah.</p> <p>2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 4:03 p.m.</p> <p>3 We are off the record.</p> <p>4 (Recess taken from 4:03 p.m. CDT to</p> <p>5 4:26 p.m. CDT)</p> <p>6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Disk -- the next --</p> <p>7 disk No. 4 in the videotaped deposition of Jean</p> <p>8 Paul Sevilla. The time is 4:26 p.m. We are back</p> <p>9 on the record.</p> <p>10 (Deposition Exhibit 60 marked for</p> <p>11 identification.)</p> <p>12 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>13 Q Mr. Sevilla, we've handed you what we've</p> <p>14 marked as Exhibit 60 in this case. Have you had a</p> <p>15 chance to look at that? We're handing it to you</p> <p>16 now. So take a look at it and let me know when</p> <p>17 you're ready.</p> <p>18 (Witness reviews document.)</p> <p>19 A Okay.</p> <p>20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>21 Q I believe you testified earlier that you</p> <p>22 recalled transferring an interest in the</p> <p>23 Multi Strategy Credit fund, or if I refer to that</p> <p>24 as Multi Strat; is that okay?</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>

<p>241</p> <p>1 Q Okay. And I believe you testified earlier 2 that you recalled transferring certain limited 3 partnership interests from one of the CDO funds to 4 Sentinel around August 2007; is that right? 5 A 2017. 6 Q 2017, yes. 7 A Yes. 8 Q Okay. And what role did have you in that 9 transfer? 10 A Connected Highland SEI and Sentinel's 11 personnel to effectuate and settle the transfer. 12 Q Was this transfer part of the broader 13 transfer of assets that was -- that Sentinel 14 exchanged for the insurance policy or was this 15 something separate from that? 16 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 17 A This was part of that. 18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 19 Q And if you -- who is -- what is SEI-IS 20 Highland? It says there this -- the cover e-mail 21 here at Bates 616 is an e-mail from you to looks 22 like a Listserv, SEI-IS Highland. 23 A SEI is the fund administrator for 24 Multi Strat. 25 Q Okay. And if you look at the next page,</p>	<p>243</p> <p>1 A No, I don't. 2 Q Were you aware when you sent these 3 documents to the administrator that you were 4 listed as a contact for Sentinel? 5 A No, not at the time. 6 Q Is there any reason why you would have 7 been listed as a secondary contact for Sentinel? 8 A Highland's the manager of Multi Strat. I 9 was at Highland, but... 10 Q Have you, in fact, ever received 11 communications pursuant to your role here as 12 secondary contact for notices and communications? 13 A I have not. 14 Q Do you know who filled out this form? 15 A I don't. 16 Q Was it you? 17 A I may have filled out portions of it, but 18 certainly not all of it. 19 Q If you go to Section 9, which starts at 20 page 6 which is Bates ending 627. 21 A Okay. 22 Q Section 9 is asking about common 23 beneficial ownership with other investors. And 24 then it asks: Does the subscriber have any 25 affiliated investors in the fund?</p>
<p>242</p> <p>1 which is Bates ended 617, the amount of the 2 subscription is 24,313 shares? 3 A Yes. 4 Q And then that's signed by Mr. Watler? 5 A Yes. 6 Q Turning to the description -- subscription 7 agreement itself, which starts at Bates ending 8 616. 9 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 618? 10 1618? 11 MS. TOMKOWIAK: I'm sorry, 1618. You're 12 right. 13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 14 Q 1618, are you there? 15 A Yes. 16 Q My first question is on page 3, which is 17 the Bates number ending 624. 18 A Yes. 19 Q So this lists contact information and I 20 see that Mr. Kranz at Beecher Carlson is listed as 21 the primary contact for Sentinel Reinsurance and 22 that you're listed as the secondary contact. Why 23 were you listed as the contact for Sentinel? 24 A I have no idea. I don't know. 25 Q Do you know who made that decision?</p>	<p>244</p> <p>1 And the subscriber in this context is 2 Sentinel Reinsurance, right? 3 A Yes. 4 Q And the box here is checked yes. Do you 5 recall if this is a section that you filled out? 6 A I don't recall. 7 Q And then on the next page ending in 628, 8 it asks to identify the affiliated investor or 9 investors with which it has agreed to act 10 together. And two investors are identified there, 11 Starck, Ltd. and Sentinel Re Holdings Ltd. Do you 12 see that? 13 A Yes. 14 Q Do you know how Starck, Ltd. is affiliated 15 with Sentinel Reinsurance? 16 A I don't recall. 17 Q Do you know how Sentinel Re Holdings is 18 affiliated with Sentinel Reinsurance? 19 A It's in the same organizational structure 20 as Sentinel, either a parent or a subsidiary, but 21 they're in the same structure. 22 Q And is Starck, Ltd. affiliated with 23 Highland Capital Management? 24 A I don't know. I don't recall. 25 Q If you look at the footnote 7 on the</p>

<p>245</p> <p>1 preceding page, it defines affiliated investor as: 2 any investor who would be deemed to be a 3 Controlling Person with respect to the Interests 4 held by the Subscriber or who would have an 5 indirect Controlling Person in common. 6 Do you know if Starck, Ltd. and Sentinel 7 Reinsurance had an indirect controlling person in 8 common? 9 A I don't. 10 Q Do you know if Starck, Ltd. would be 11 deemed to be a controlling person with respect to 12 the interests held by Sentinel Reinsurance? 13 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 14 A I don't -- I have no direct knowledge. I 15 don't see -- it doesn't -- I don't know the -- an 16 entity Stark Limited. It doesn't ring a bell. 17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 18 Q As you sit here today, you don't know how 19 these -- how Starck, Ltd. would fit within the 20 definition of an affiliated investor? 21 A As I sit here, I don't. 22 Q Do you recall if you reviewed this e-mail 23 before you sent it to the administrator? I'm 24 sorry, do you recall if you reviewed this 25 subscriber information form before you sent it to</p>	<p>247</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Exhibit 61 is also an e-mail with an 3 attachment that was -- it's an Excel spreadsheet. 4 It was also produced in native form without a 5 Bates number. Let me know when you're ready. 6 MS. SMITH: Is this the complete Excel 7 sheet? 8 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Yes. 9 (Witness reviews document.) 10 A Okay. 11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 12 Q So in this e-mail chain, which starts with 13 an e-mail from Taylor Colbert, is that how you say 14 it, or Colbert or Colbert? Do you know who Taylor 15 Colbert is? 16 A I've always said Colbert, but that may be 17 wrong. 18 Q Do you know who Taylor Colbert is? 19 A Generally. 20 Q And who is he or she? 21 A He worked in the accounting group. 22 Q At Highland? 23 A At Highland. 24 Q And he is sending Trey Parker a 25 Multi Strat cash projection. Who is Trey Parker?</p>
<p>246</p> <p>1 the administrator? 2 A I don't. 3 Q If you didn't fill out the whole thing, do 4 you know who else would have? 5 A Sentinel, the directors would have filled 6 out portions of it. I don't recall exactly which 7 portions, but things like Section 3 and the like. 8 Q Do you know when Sentinel Re Holdings 9 obtained its interest in the Multi Strat fund? 10 A I believe it was sometime in 2015. 11 Q Were you involved in that? 12 A I recall being involved in that, yeah. 13 Q Do you recall who it received that 14 interest from? 15 A I don't recall exactly. 16 Q Do you recall if it was another Highland 17 entity? 18 A I don't recall. I would need to look at 19 the underlying document. 20 Q You can set that aside. 21 MS. TOMKOWIAK: I'm going to ask the court 22 reporter to mark the next document as Exhibit 61. 23 (Deposition Exhibit 61 marked for 24 identification.) 25</p>	<p>248</p> <p>1 A Trey Parker was the ex-head of private 2 equity. 3 Q And when you say ex, do you mean -- 4 A Previously -- until February of '20. 5 Q Okay. But at the time he was the head of 6 private equity at the time of this e-mail? 7 A Yeah. Yes. He was the -- he was head of 8 credit research at this time, I believe, in 9 December of 2017. 10 Q Okay. And then the next e-mail in the 11 chain is another e-mail from Mr. Colbert to 12 Mr. Parker, where the file has been updated to 13 include Sentinel being presented as an affiliated 14 investor. Do you see that? 15 A Yes. 16 Q Okay. And if you look at the attachment, 17 the first -- the first document in the attachment, 18 and it looks like this is taking the master fund 19 and dividing it into Highland affiliates and 20 nonaffiliates. 21 A Yes. 22 Q Do you agree with that? 23 A That's what it -- well, I'm sorry. 24 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 25 A I don't see that.</p>

<p>249</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Your copy might be -- certain lines</p> <p>3 are shaded. Are you able to tell that in your</p> <p>4 copy?</p> <p>5 A Shaded lines, yes.</p> <p>6 Q Yes. Okay. And it looks like the shaded</p> <p>7 lines are the non-Highland affiliates; whereas the</p> <p>8 nonshaded lines are the Highland affiliates.</p> <p>9 Based on what you know about the Highland</p> <p>10 structure, do you agree with that?</p> <p>11 A I can't agree with it. I don't know</p> <p>12 enough -- I don't know what Core Credit Holdings</p> <p>13 is, I don't know what Japanese Unit Trust is. No,</p> <p>14 I can't attest to the accuracy of this.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. But this document with Sentinel</p> <p>16 being presented as an affiliated investor is</p> <p>17 consistent with the subscriber agreement that we</p> <p>18 just looked at, right?</p> <p>19 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>20 A I don't -- I'm sorry, I don't -- I see</p> <p>21 Starck here and I see Sentinel here, but -- or</p> <p>22 Sentinel Re and Sentinel. What --</p> <p>23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>24 Q Do you agree that Sentinel Reinsurance was</p> <p>25 an affiliated investor in the Multi Strat fund?</p>	<p>251</p> <p>1 Q And so is that what the term affiliates</p> <p>2 means to you when you're using it, entities under</p> <p>3 common control?</p> <p>4 A I'm sorry, I thought you said affiliates</p> <p>5 under common control. Perhaps I misheard.</p> <p>6 Q No, I'm just looking at your -- you said</p> <p>7 my understanding was that Sentinel was not an</p> <p>8 affiliate of Highland, so I was asking how you</p> <p>9 were using that term.</p> <p>10 A Oh, okay. Can you start the question</p> <p>11 over?</p> <p>12 Q Sure. Is it your --</p> <p>13 A Okay.</p> <p>14 Q Is it your understanding that Sentinel was</p> <p>15 an affiliate of Highland?</p> <p>16 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>17 A Depends on your definition of affiliate.</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q Okay. So if affiliate means that they</p> <p>20 share an owner in common, was Sentinel an</p> <p>21 affiliate of Highland?</p> <p>22 A I don't know Highland's ownership</p> <p>23 structure. It changed over time, so I can't</p> <p>24 attest to it at any given moment.</p> <p>25 Q Was there ever a point in time in which</p>
<p>250</p> <p>1 A Affiliated to who?</p> <p>2 Q Affiliated to Highland.</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>4 A I don't -- my understanding was that</p> <p>5 Sentinel was not an affiliate of Highland. So</p> <p>6 I -- no, I -- and I don't see that in this -- I</p> <p>7 apologize. I don't see that in this spreadsheet.</p> <p>8 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Well, The Dugaboy Investment Trust,</p> <p>10 did that have an affiliation with Highland?</p> <p>11 A I don't know.</p> <p>12 Q Highland Capital Management, LP 2, did</p> <p>13 that have an affiliation with Highland?</p> <p>14 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>15 A I've never heard of that entity.</p> <p>16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>17 Q Okay. And how -- when you said my</p> <p>18 understanding was that Sentinel was not an</p> <p>19 affiliate of Highland, what's that understanding</p> <p>20 based on?</p> <p>21 A Compliance.</p> <p>22 Q What do you mean by compliance?</p> <p>23 A My recollection is that compliance had</p> <p>24 made the determination that Highland and Sentinel</p> <p>25 were not affiliates under common control.</p>	<p>252</p> <p>1 Mr. Dondero did not own part of Highland?</p> <p>2 A I believe so.</p> <p>3 Q When was that?</p> <p>4 A I don't know the exact time. I don't know</p> <p>5 exactly when that changed, but I think -- Highland</p> <p>6 has had different ownership structures over years.</p> <p>7 Q Well, if there -- at any particular point</p> <p>8 over the course of the years when Mr. Dondero</p> <p>9 owned part of Highland and Mr. Dondero owned part</p> <p>10 of Sentinel, would you say that they were</p> <p>11 affiliated?</p> <p>12 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>13 A I don't know if that's the definition of</p> <p>14 affiliate.</p> <p>15 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>16 Q Well, you asked me what my definition was</p> <p>17 and I said if my definition is that they share an</p> <p>18 owner and at one point in time Highland was owned</p> <p>19 in part by Mr. Dondero and Sentinel was owned in</p> <p>20 part by Mr. Dondero, then --</p> <p>21 A Is this a hypothetical?</p> <p>22 Q Well, if we're using that definition of</p> <p>23 affiliate.</p> <p>24 A Again, I don't know Highland's ownership</p> <p>25 structure at any given moment. When you say</p>

<p>253</p> <p>1 affiliate, I think of affiliate under common 2 control or the definition of affiliate. So that's 3 what I was answering. 4 Q And by common control, do you mean that 5 the control has to be identical? 6 A No. 7 Q So you just don't know if Sentinel was an 8 affiliate of Highland? 9 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 10 A It's my understanding that compliance -- 11 the compliance group determination was that they 12 were not affiliates under common control. 13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 14 Q And who in the compliance group made that 15 determination? 16 A Mr. Surgent. 17 Q Anybody else? 18 A I don't know who else he would have 19 consulted. 20 Q And do you know when he made that 21 determination? 22 A I can't point to an exact date. 23 Q Was it before or after the insurance 24 policy was executed? 25 A My recollection is it was around the same</p>	<p>255</p> <p>1 A I don't know if it was in connection with 2 it. It was temporally around the same time. I 3 don't -- I can't state that one followed the other 4 necessarily. 5 Q And you said that you remember learning it 6 directly from Mr. Surgent? 7 A Yes. 8 Q Was there anybody else in compliance that 9 you remember discussing that conclusion with? 10 A Jason Post. 11 Q Anybody else? 12 A Lauren Thedford. 13 Q Anybody else? 14 A Well, Mr. Ellington was not in compliance, 15 but Mr. Ellington. 16 Q Anybody else? 17 A That's probably it. 18 Q When did you discuss that conclusion with 19 Mr. Post? 20 A Same time frame, August of '17. 21 Q And was this separate from your 22 conversation with Mr. Surgent? 23 A No, it would have been simultaneous. 24 Mr. Post would have been in the conversation or 25 nearby. He's the deputy CCO. So he was often</p>
<p>254</p> <p>1 time. 2 Q And did he make that determination during 3 the meeting in the conference room that you 4 referenced earlier? 5 A I don't recall that being a conclusion 6 from that meeting, the meeting in Bois d'Arc, no. 7 Q And how did you learn of that conclusion? 8 A Over the course of time after I came to 9 understand from compliance that Sentinel was not 10 a -- an affiliate under common control. I'm not 11 sure how the question initially had been posed to 12 them, but I remember learning that from -- 13 directly from Mr. Surgent, let's call it August -- 14 August of 2017. 15 Q And did Mr. Surgent provide you anything 16 in writing? 17 A I don't know if there are e-mails to that 18 effect. There might be, but certainly verbally 19 around the group, that was made clear. 20 Q Around what group? 21 A The group that had worked on the ATE 22 policy that I had referenced earlier, the 23 accounting and settlement and ops and et cetera. 24 Q So was that conclusion that was made by 25 Mr. Surgent in connection with the UBS policy?</p>	<p>256</p> <p>1 present. 2 Q And what about Ms. Thedford? Would you 3 have had a separate conversation with her about 4 that conclusion? 5 A I don't recall. 6 Q What about Mr. Ellington? Would you have 7 had a separate -- did you have a separate 8 conversation with him regarding that conclusion? 9 A We discussed it separately, yes. 10 Q What was the context of that discussion? 11 A We confirmed our understanding of 12 Mr. Surgent -- Mr. Surgent and the compliance 13 group's determination that Sentinel was not an 14 affiliate of Highland. 15 Q And when you say the compliance group, are 16 you referring to anybody besides Mr. Post and 17 Ms. Thedford? 18 A Whoever Mr. Surgent consulted in the 19 compliance group. 20 Q Okay. And so -- do you know that he 21 consulted with Mr. Post? 22 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 23 A I believe Mr. Post was in the conversation 24 where Mr. Surgent let me know that that was their 25 determination.</p>

<p>257</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>2 Q Is that the same with respect to</p> <p>3 Ms. Thedford, or you don't recall?</p> <p>4 A I don't recall the specifics of</p> <p>5 Ms. Thedford.</p> <p>6 Q And when you had that conversation with</p> <p>7 Mr. Surgent and Mr. Post, was that a conversation</p> <p>8 that you had at the office?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q And where was that?</p> <p>11 A On the floor of the legal group. It's</p> <p>12 like a trading floor environment, so in between</p> <p>13 one of our desks.</p> <p>14 Q Was this a scheduled conversation? Was</p> <p>15 this an impromptu conversation?</p> <p>16 A I don't recall.</p> <p>17 Q And you don't recall what prompted</p> <p>18 Mr. Surgent to convey that conclusion to you?</p> <p>19 A Again, it was around the time of the ATE</p> <p>20 compliance analysis. I don't recall what -- what</p> <p>21 came first or if one necessarily was a result of</p> <p>22 the other. I just remember them being around the</p> <p>23 same time.</p> <p>24 Q So do you know who asked him that</p> <p>25 question?</p>	<p>259</p> <p>1 confirming with Scott that compliance had come</p> <p>2 back to say that Sentinel was not an affiliate of</p> <p>3 Highland and he said, yeah, that's my</p> <p>4 understanding.</p> <p>5 Q So were you confirming that to Scott?</p> <p>6 A I was confirming what I had heard to Scott</p> <p>7 and confirming that he had understood the same</p> <p>8 thing and he -- we confirmed that to each other.</p> <p>9 Q And you don't recall if that conversation</p> <p>10 took place in the context of taking any specific</p> <p>11 action?</p> <p>12 A I don't remember what backdrop it was</p> <p>13 against.</p> <p>14 Q Going back to this document. Mr. Surgent</p> <p>15 forwards this to Mr. Ellington and then</p> <p>16 Mr. Ellington forwards these attachments to you</p> <p>17 and Mr. Leventon and asked him to call him</p> <p>18 tomorrow on this.</p> <p>19 Do you recall if you, in fact, called</p> <p>20 Mr. Ellington?</p> <p>21 A I don't recall.</p> <p>22 Q Do you recall having a conversation with</p> <p>23 Mr. Ellington at any point in time regarding</p> <p>24 Sentinel being presented as an affiliated investor</p> <p>25 in the Multi Strat fund?</p>
<p>258</p> <p>1 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>2 A I had asked him. I'm not sure who else</p> <p>3 asked him.</p> <p>4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>5 Q When did you ask him?</p> <p>6 A Around this time.</p> <p>7 Q How did you ask him?</p> <p>8 A I don't remember the exact words, but the</p> <p>9 question was that -- the discussion was about</p> <p>10 whether Sentinel was an affiliate of Highland.</p> <p>11 Q Was it in connection with this Multi Strat</p> <p>12 transfer?</p> <p>13 A I don't recall.</p> <p>14 Q Was this an in-person conversation?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q And what about the conversation that you</p> <p>17 had referenced with respect to Mr. Ellington? Was</p> <p>18 that an in-person conversation?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Did that also take place in the office?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q And what did you and Mr. Ellington</p> <p>23 discuss?</p> <p>24 A I can't speak to the -- you know, the</p> <p>25 entirety of the conversation, but I remember</p>	<p>260</p> <p>1 A I can't point to a specific conversation,</p> <p>2 other than the one in the August time frame. So</p> <p>3 I -- and I don't remember this e-mail, this</p> <p>4 particular e-mail, but...</p> <p>5 Q And you don't recall, again, if that</p> <p>6 conversation that you had with Mr. Ellington was</p> <p>7 in the specific context of Multi Strat?</p> <p>8 A I'm sorry, which conversation?</p> <p>9 Q The one that you described to me earlier</p> <p>10 in the office.</p> <p>11 A No, I don't remember that it was in the</p> <p>12 context of Multi Strat at all.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. You can set that aside. I'm</p> <p>14 handing you what I will ask the court reporter to</p> <p>15 mark as Exhibit 62.</p> <p>16 (Deposition Exhibit 62 marked for</p> <p>17 identification.)</p> <p>18 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>19 Q Let me know when you're ready.</p> <p>20 (Witness reviews document.)</p> <p>21 A Okay.</p> <p>22 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>23 Q Okay. Exhibit 61 [sic] is an e-mail</p> <p>24 exchange between Carter Chism, you, Mr. Leventon,</p> <p>25 Mr. DiOrio and Mr. Stoops, dated February 7th,</p>

<p>261</p> <p>1 2019, and some of the earlier e-mails go back to 2 January 2019. 3 A Yeah. 4 Q Do you recall the issue that's being 5 described in this e-mail regarding the Bank of 6 New York accounts? 7 A I do recall this. 8 Q What was going on here? 9 A I believe there were some amounts 10 outstanding to the Bank of New York, some fees 11 that were outstanding on the part of CDO ops and 12 HFP. 13 Q Those were custodial funds or -- 14 A I don't know exactly what they were. I 15 don't know what the funds were in relation to. 16 Q Okay. In the e-mail chain from 17 Mr. Leventon to Mr. Chism on February 7th at 18 7:59 a.m. he says: Jason -- not sure why. Jason, 19 CDO Fund is and has been insolvent since the 20 financial crisis in 2009. 21 Do you agree that in February 2019, do you 22 agree with the statement that CDO fund was and had 23 been insolvent since 2009? 24 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 25 A I don't know.</p>	<p>263</p> <p>1 A I don't know what you mean by CDO fund. 2 CDO ops fund, I'm not sure what he means. You 3 know, certainly one of the insurers is CDO, but I 4 don't -- CDO fund, but I don't -- again, I don't 5 know what he means exactly. 6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 7 Q Other than the transfers to Sentinel 8 pursuant to the purchase agreement that we looked 9 at earlier, did you have any role in making any 10 other transfers of assets from any Highland fund 11 to Sentinel? 12 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 13 A No. 14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 15 Q You can set that aside. I'm handing you 16 what's been previously marked as Exhibit 38. Take 17 a look at Exhibit 38 and let me know when you're 18 ready. 19 (Witness reviews document.) 20 A Okay. 21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 22 Q Have you ever seen this document before? 23 A No. 24 Q Do you have any knowledge at all about a 25 transfer -- a sale and purchase between Sentinel</p>
<p>262</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q You don't know one way or the other? 3 A I have no opinion -- yeah, I have no 4 opinion one way or the other. 5 Q And then at the top of it, the -- 6 Mr. Chism writes: Should we have Bank of New York 7 close the accounts and sweep the cash in full 8 resolution of the amounts BNY claims are owed? 9 Do you recall if that proposal -- do you 10 recall if that happened? 11 A I don't know if it happened one way or the 12 other. 13 Q So you don't know if you had Bank of 14 New York close those accounts? 15 A I did not take this for action or do 16 anything with it. 17 Q And when Mr. Chism says, I believe the CDO 18 ops fund was included in the transfer to Sentinel, 19 is that referring to the transfer of assets to pay 20 the premium in the insurance policy? 21 A I'm not sure exactly what he meant there. 22 Q Do you recall a transfer of assets to 23 Sentinel from CDO or any of the CDO funds at any 24 other point in time? 25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>	<p>264</p> <p>1 Reinsurance and Sebastian Clarke Ltd. in 2019? 2 A No, not that I recall. 3 Q Don't remember hearing about it? 4 A No. 5 Q Did you have any role in any transaction 6 between Sentinel Reinsurance and any non-Highland 7 entity? 8 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 9 A Any transfer between Sentinel Reinsurance 10 and a non-Highland entity? 11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 12 Q Correct. Any transfer or other 13 transactions that Sentinel undertook with respect 14 to non-Highland entities. 15 MS. SMITH: Objection, form. 16 A There was an e-mail I found in my Gmail 17 that we've produced, about an investment that 18 Sentinel made in a gold fund, some sort of gold 19 commodities fund, in like twenty -- early 2016. I 20 believe it redeemed its interest in that fund 12 21 to 18 months after, but that would be it. I'm not 22 familiar with these -- with the subject of this. 23 That would be the other -- the only example I 24 have. 25</p>

<p>265</p> <p>1 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 2 Q Okay. Well, that's a good segue into 3 that. So you can set that aside. 4 You're testifying here today pursuant to a 5 subpoena, correct? 6 A Yes. 7 Q And you also received a subpoena to 8 produce documents; is that right? 9 A Yes. 10 MS. TOMKOWIAK: We will mark this as 11 Exhibit 63. 12 (Deposition Exhibit 63 marked for 13 identification.) 14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 15 Q Mr. Sevilla, this is the subpoena issued 16 to you to produce documents in this case. Have 17 you seen this before? 18 A Yes. 19 MS. SMITH: Objection. 20 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 21 Q Oh, shoot, that's the deposition subpoena. 22 Okay. Well, have you seen that before? 23 A Yes. 24 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Then let's mark as 25 Exhibit 64, the document subpoena.</p>	<p>267</p> <p>1 Q Okay. How did you search your text 2 messages? 3 A Went text by text and tried to do a search 4 at the top of the search bar. 5 Q Does that mean that you searched texts 6 with specific people? 7 A I did both. I searched texts with 8 specific people and entered -- and entered 9 Sentinel in the search on iMessage and it will 10 show whatever hits. 11 Q And who are those people that you 12 searched? 13 A Ellington, Leventon, any work colleague, 14 anyone who had worked at Highland. I made sure if 15 there were texts from work colleagues, that I 16 searched through there. 17 Q What are Signal messages? 18 A It's like a messaging -- like a messaging 19 app, like IM. I use it very, very infrequently. 20 Nothing responsive came up. 21 Q But that's an app on your phone? 22 A It's an app, yeah. 23 Q Like WhatsApp or something like that? 24 A Something like that. And I don't have 25 WhatsApp.</p>
<p>266</p> <p>1 (Deposition Exhibit 64 marked for 2 identification.) 3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 4 Q Have you seen this document before? 5 A Yes. 6 Q When is the first time you saw it? 7 A I don't remember the exact date. 8 Q Was it on or around April 20th, 2021, or 9 after that? 10 A Would have been whenever I got served with 11 it. I don't remember the exact date I was served. 12 Q Okay. And what did you do to search for 13 documents responsive to the subpoena? 14 A I searched my phone, I searched my 15 e-mails, I searched any documents or papers I have 16 at my residence and in my office, my place of work 17 at Skyview. That's the extent of it. 18 Q What -- where did you search on your 19 phone? 20 A I searched for text messages, I searched 21 for Signal messages, I searched for e-mails, 22 personal e-mails. I had access to -- I believe I 23 still had access to Highland e-mails, but I did 24 not review those or access my Highland account. 25 That would have -- yeah, that's --</p>	<p>268</p> <p>1 Q What e-mail addresses did you search? 2 A sevilla.jp@gmail. I have another e-mail 3 that is largely dormant that I used to sign up for 4 things I thought would be spam, jaypsev@gmail. I 5 checked my wife's and I family e-mail, which is 6 jpml755@gmail. And then I checked my work e-mail 7 at jsevilla@skyviewgroup.com. 8 Q And you said that you did not -- you 9 thought you had access to your Highland account 10 but you didn't access it? 11 A Yeah. My understanding is that I had 12 access to -- my Highland e-mail had not been shut 13 off, at the decision of Highland. So I knew I 14 could access it, but I agreed with counsel that I 15 would flag that and not search that or access 16 Highland property to respond to the subpoena. 17 Q So do you know that you have access to 18 your Highland e-mail account? 19 A At the time of the subpoena, I knew I did. 20 I could check it if I wanted to. I don't know if 21 that's since changed. 22 Q And again, you knew that because you had 23 accessed it recently? 24 A No, I knew that because it was still -- I 25 have an iPad and the e-mail client was still on</p>

<p>269</p> <p>1 the iPad and I wasn't getting any kind of password 2 or error message, so I kind of left it there in 3 stasis out of an abundance of caution. So -- and 4 then I let them know that was the case. 5 Q When was the last time that you accessed 6 your Highland e-mail account? 7 A I haven't accessed it since I left 8 Highland, but e-mails have come into the Highland 9 e-mail on my -- e-mails had come into the Highland 10 e-mail on my iPad and so to the extent I was on -- 11 the cursor was on it, I guess it would show the 12 top e-mail as being read, but I didn't access it. 13 I wasn't looking for stuff. 14 Q So on your iPad, you don't need to like 15 put in a password? Your Highland account is just 16 set up so that new e-mails come in? 17 A That's how it had been set up, yes. And I 18 believe that's since been shut off. 19 Q And why do you believe that? 20 A We received a -- Skyview received some 21 communication from the debtor saying they were 22 shutting it off. 23 Q When did you find the e-mail that you 24 produced to us? 25 A Friday -- what was last Friday? Whatever</p>	<p>271</p> <p>1 A The materials that I cleared my desk off? 2 Q That you had at the office, yeah. 3 A Took them home or disposed of them if they 4 were personal and I didn't want them. 5 Q Did you look through those documents to 6 identify anything potentially responsive to the 7 subpoena? 8 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 9 A I looked at documents that I cleared my 10 desk of, yes. 11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 12 Q You're represented by counsel in this 13 matter; is that right? 14 A Yes. 15 Q And specifically both of the individuals 16 here? 17 A Yes. 18 Q Who is paying for your counsel's fees in 19 this matter? 20 A I don't know if they've been paid -- 21 Q Who is -- 22 A -- to date. 23 Q -- expected to pay them? 24 A I have not been asked to pay. I would 25 expect to have an indemnity or indemnities, but</p>
<p>270</p> <p>1 last Friday was. 2 Q And was that a result of a subsequent 3 search for documents, or was that as a result of 4 what you just described to me here? So how many 5 times did you look for documents? 6 A I looked for documents one time. I 7 accessed my Gmail differently on my home laptop. 8 I used the Gmail on like the web browser, which 9 showed more e-mails. I was looking for an e-mail 10 from counsel and I saw that there was one that I 11 hadn't seen. I don't know if it was archived or 12 what, but I saw it and then flagged it for 13 counsel. 14 Q So the first time you looked in your Gmail 15 you did not identify any responsive documents, but 16 then you subsequently identified the document that 17 you produced to us? 18 A Correct. 19 Q Before you were terminated from Highland, 20 did you have a chance to clear out any materials 21 on your desk? 22 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 23 A Yes. 24 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 25 Q What did you do with those materials?</p>	<p>272</p> <p>1 I'm not certain if that's the case. 2 Q Would that be an indemnity by Skyview? 3 A Potentially. 4 Q Or Highland? 5 A Potentially. 6 Q Okay. So as you sit here today, you don't 7 know who will pay for your counsel's fees? 8 A I'm not certain who's going to pay or 9 whether it will be me. 10 Q One other point of clarification. I think 11 you testified -- I was unclear from your testimony 12 earlier. Other than the ATE policy with respect 13 to the UBS litigation, during the course of your 14 employment at Highland, did you work on any other 15 ATE insurance policies? 16 A Other -- I'm sorry, other than -- 17 Q Other than the one between -- other than 18 the UBS policy with Sentinel. 19 A I had worked on diligencing SAS litigation 20 funding matters that involved ATE. And so in 21 connection with that, I had reviewed terms of ATE 22 and sort of looked at policies from that 23 perspective. 24 Q Okay. So you had a general understanding 25 prior to the UBS policy of what an ATE policy was?</p>

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<p>273</p> <p>1 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>2 A I generally knew of what it was, yeah.</p> <p>3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>4 Q And the -- and what the purpose of an ATE</p> <p>5 policy was?</p> <p>6 A Or at least one purpose based on what I</p> <p>7 had seen previously. I don't think I got a</p> <p>8 comprehensive understanding or view of the</p> <p>9 product, but I certainly had seen it before.</p> <p>10 MS. TOMKOWIAK: I'm going to ask the court</p> <p>11 reporter to mark this as Exhibit 65.</p> <p>12 (Deposition Exhibit 65 marked for</p> <p>13 identification.)</p> <p>14 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>15 Q You can put the subpoena aside.</p> <p>16 A Okay.</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: I'm going to caution you not</p> <p>18 to reveal any privileged communications between</p> <p>19 yourself and counsel.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>21 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>22 Q Exhibit 65 is a confidentiality agreement.</p> <p>23 Have you seen this agreement before?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p> <p>25 Q And did you authorize your attorney to</p>	<p>275</p> <p>1 questions and I will let Ms. Smith respond to</p> <p>2 that.</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: I'm going to object to the</p> <p>4 debtor's counsel asking any questions. He did not</p> <p>5 join in the notice of deposition and the purpose</p> <p>6 of the deposition, pursuant to the Court's order,</p> <p>7 was for UBS to make a record in support of the</p> <p>8 plaintiff's motion for temporary restraining order</p> <p>9 and preliminary injunction, not for the debtor.</p> <p>10 Judge Jernigan limited the scope of the</p> <p>11 depositions in her ruling, so I'm going to object</p> <p>12 to him asking any questions.</p> <p>13 MR. FEINSTEIN: Well, that's unfortunate.</p> <p>14 Not a good look. Are you -- do you acknowledge</p> <p>15 that the debtor has the right to notice the</p> <p>16 witness for a separate deposition before the</p> <p>17 cutoff of discovery? We can do it that way. I</p> <p>18 mean, I'll represent that I've got 15 minutes of</p> <p>19 questions. But, you know, I take your point, but</p> <p>20 certainly we have the right to depose the witness</p> <p>21 in the adversary.</p> <p>22 MS. SMITH: Just give me one second.</p> <p>23 MS. DANDENEAU: Can we -- we'll go off the</p> <p>24 record and confer on that.</p> <p>25 MR. FEINSTEIN: Maybe we should do that.</p>
<p>274</p> <p>1 sign it on your behalf?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Do you understand your obligations with</p> <p>4 respect to confidentiality under this agreement?</p> <p>5 A I believe so, yes.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And have you adhered to those</p> <p>7 obligations?</p> <p>8 A I believe so, yes.</p> <p>9 Q And are you qualifying your answer in any</p> <p>10 way when you say I believe so, or is there</p> <p>11 something that you're unsure of there?</p> <p>12 A No. I think I have complied with it.</p> <p>13 MS. TOMKOWIAK: So let's go off the record</p> <p>14 briefly.</p> <p>15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 5:14 p.m.</p> <p>16 We are off the record.</p> <p>17 (Recess taken from 5:14 p.m. CDT to</p> <p>18 5:15 p.m. CDT)</p> <p>19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 5:15 p.m.</p> <p>20 We are back on the record.</p> <p>21 MS. TOMKOWIAK: While we were off the</p> <p>22 record, I said that I would like to confer with my</p> <p>23 colleagues to see if we have any further questions</p> <p>24 for this witness and I also indicated that I</p> <p>25 believed that the debtor's counsel had some</p>	<p>276</p> <p>1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record</p> <p>2 at 5:17 p.m.</p> <p>3 (Recess taken from 5:17 p.m. CDT to</p> <p>4 5:41 p.m. CDT)</p> <p>5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 5:41 p.m.</p> <p>6 We are back on the record.</p> <p>7 MS. DANDENEAU: I just want to make a</p> <p>8 statement. Before we broke, Mr. Feinstein had</p> <p>9 indicated that he wished to ask about 15 minutes</p> <p>10 of questions to Mr. Sevilla. We raised an</p> <p>11 objection to that. We subsequently conferred and</p> <p>12 we have an understanding with Mr. Feinstein that</p> <p>13 if we permit those questions to be asked now in</p> <p>14 the context of this deposition, that Mr. Feinstein</p> <p>15 will not recall Mr. Sevilla as a witness for a</p> <p>16 deposition in this proceeding. And I just want to</p> <p>17 confirm with Mr. Feinstein if that's correct.</p> <p>18 MR. FEINSTEIN: I can confirm that.</p> <p>19 MS. DANDENEAU: Thank you. And I will be</p> <p>20 defending Mr. Sevilla for the purposes of</p> <p>21 Mr. Feinstein's questions.</p> <p>22 MR. FEINSTEIN: Okay. Before I start,</p> <p>23 though, is there any more questioning from UBS?</p> <p>24 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Yes. But I will defer the</p> <p>25 rest of my time until after your questions.</p>

<p>277</p> <p>1 MR. FEINSTEIN: Okay. Then we can get 2 started, then. 3 Madam Court Reporter, are you ready -- or 4 Mister. Not being in the room, that's the 5 problem. I'll be gender neutral. Are you ready? 6 THE REPORTER: Yes. 7 MR. FEINSTEIN: I'm ready. Thank you, 8 sir. 9 EXAMINATION 10 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 11 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Sevilla. I'm Robert 12 Feinstein from Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones for 13 counsel to Highland. We've never met before, have 14 we? 15 A No, sir. 16 Q So I want to focus you on the time period 17 between the appointment of the independent board 18 and the time you left the company. So the 19 independent board was put in place in or about 20 January of 2020, correct? 21 A I believe that's right. 22 Q And the board -- do you know -- can you 23 identify the board members by name? 24 A Yes. 25 Q And who are they?</p>	<p>279</p> <p>1 loss of the UBS litigation? 2 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 3 A No. 4 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 5 Q Is there any reason why you didn't do 6 that? 7 A I wasn't asked. No one ever asked me 8 about UBS matters. It's not a case that I worked 9 on or had any knowledge about. I was focused 10 on -- my primary focus was on the portfolio 11 companies in the private equity book and those 12 would be the matters that Mr. Seery asked me 13 about. 14 The one litigation I did work on in the 15 past had been the ACIS matter. And so Mr. Seery 16 would ask me about those matter -- about ACIS, if 17 he had ACIS questions. But my recollection is 18 that he and the board were very, sort of -- I 19 don't want to say disciplined, but very particular 20 about who they would ask about certain matters at 21 Highland and my function was primarily private 22 equity. 23 Q All right. You testified before that, to 24 your knowledge, the UBS claim, given its size, 25 was, I think you used the word front and center in</p>
<p>278</p> <p>1 A Dubel, Nelms and Seery. 2 Q Okay. And to what extent did you have 3 interaction with them over the course of calendar 4 year 2020? 5 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 6 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 7 Q You can answer. 8 A I interacted with all of them at different 9 times from time to time. 10 Q Did there come a point when Mr. Seery 11 became the CEO? 12 A Yes. 13 Q And of the three of them, would you say 14 that your greatest contact over the course of last 15 year was with Mr. Seery? 16 A Yes. 17 Q And when did you leave the employ of the 18 debtor? 19 A February 28th of '21. 20 Q Okay. And so between the time that the 21 independent board was appointed and your departure 22 from the company, did you ever disclose to any of 23 the members of the independent board that you were 24 aware of the existence of the Sentinel insurance 25 policy ostensibly providing for coverage for the</p>	<p>280</p> <p>1 the bankruptcy case. Do you recall that 2 testimony? 3 A I don't recall using those words, but I 4 know it was -- it was litigated over and it was 5 discussed quite extensively. 6 Q And are you aware that last year, calendar 7 year 2020, Highland was both litigating with UBS 8 and also attempting to settle? 9 A Yes, I did know that. 10 Q Did you -- do you think it would have been 11 relevant information to tell Mr. Seery of the 12 possible availability of \$100 million of insurance 13 proceeds to help settle the UBS litigation? 14 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 15 A No, I didn't think to volunteer that 16 information. I knew he was consulting with others 17 and colleagues, and our interaction was primarily 18 related to the private equity team and to all of 19 the issues -- particularly during COVID, several 20 were exigent -- all of the issues facing the 21 portfolio companies. So I had a full plate, as 22 did he. 23 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 24 Q The purchase agreement that was entered 25 into alongside the Sentinel insurance policy</p>

<p>281</p> <p>1 involved the transfer to Sentinel of assets from 2 the two funds that were named by UBS in the state 3 court litigation; isn't that correct? 4 A I believe that's right. 5 Q Yeah. Do you know -- were you made aware 6 of the fact last year, that UBS was asking 7 Highland for information about what assets were 8 made in those funds? 9 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 10 A I was not made aware of that. 11 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 12 Q Were you ever instructed by Mr. Dondero, 13 Mr. Ellington or Mr. Leventon not to reveal the 14 facts and circumstances surrounding the Sentinel 15 insurance policy or the transfer of assets to the 16 independent directors? 17 A No. 18 Q I want to go back to the July -- or 19 August 17 meetings. There was a larger group and 20 then there was a meeting with you and Mr. Surgent 21 and Mr. Ellington. Do you recall testifying about 22 those meetings today? 23 A My testimony was not that they occurred on 24 August 17th. 25 Q I'm sorry. What was the date? Was it</p>	<p>283</p> <p>1 Highland Capital? 2 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 3 A I would say there's no doubt in my mind 4 that he was the president of the company. As far 5 as a shareholder and the rest, I can't testify to 6 that. 7 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 8 Q And you were also aware at this time, were 9 you not, that Mr. Dondero had a beneficial 10 ownership in Sentinel, correct? 11 A Yes. 12 Q Okay. And what -- was the compliance 13 question that was discussed at those meetings in 14 late July, whether or not Mr. Dondero's status as 15 a beneficial owner of Sentinel and his 16 relationship as president, among other things to 17 Highland Capital, that that created the prospect 18 of the Sentinel transaction, the insurance policy, 19 the transfer of assets, being an affiliated party 20 transaction; that was mutual, wasn't it? 21 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 22 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 23 Q You can answer. 24 A It wasn't just one compliance issue being 25 reviewed. I acknowledge that was one issue, but</p>
<p>282</p> <p>1 July 17th, thereabouts? 2 A No, I couldn't pinpoint the exact date. 3 My recollection is that it was over the course of 4 late July, early August, but I couldn't 5 necessarily pinpoint. 6 Q Okay. But you do remember the meetings? 7 A Yes. 8 Q Okay. So now there was a compliance issue 9 discussed at those meetings, was there not? 10 A I wouldn't characterize it as a compliance 11 issue. 12 Q Well, you were aware, were you not, that 13 Mr. Dondero was the beneficial owner of Highland 14 Capital, correct? 15 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 16 A I wasn't -- I had no direct knowledge of 17 what Highland's ownership structure was over time. 18 I knew colloquially that it had changed. It was 19 never part of my job to really understand or get 20 granular. So, no, I don't know to what extent he 21 was the beneficial owner of Highland, if ever. 22 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 23 Q Was there any doubt in your mind, 24 Mr. Sevilla, that James Dondero was the 25 controlling shareholder, owner, manager of</p>	<p>284</p> <p>1 there was a whole slew of issues or a whole -- a 2 whole compliance approval that didn't just rest on 3 that one discrete issue. 4 Q But that was one of the issues that was 5 discussed, was it not? 6 A Yes. 7 Q Did you weigh in on the discussion at all 8 at the meetings? 9 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 10 A I don't recall what I said. I knew -- I 11 would have weighed in with respect to questions 12 about Sentinel or what I had been told was the, 13 sort of approval process at the Sentinel level, 14 but I didn't weigh in on the compliance analysis. 15 I wasn't asked to give an opinion on that. 16 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 17 Q You testified that Mr. Surgent approved of 18 the transaction from a client -- compliance 19 standpoint, correct? 20 A Yeah, I believe compliance approved the 21 transaction, yes. 22 Q And did he articulate at the meeting in 23 particular that the relationship of James Dondero 24 to both Sentinel and Highland Capital was not a 25 live compliance issue in his mind?</p>

<p>285</p> <p>1 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>2 A I don't think he said that. I don't</p> <p>3 recall verbatim what he said. But from that</p> <p>4 longer meeting and subsequent meetings, my</p> <p>5 understanding was that compliance had approved the</p> <p>6 transaction, including the issues you just</p> <p>7 highlighted.</p> <p>8 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>9 Q But knowing that, Mr. Dondero's</p> <p>10 relationship to both Sentinel and Highland</p> <p>11 Capital, did you question the conclusion that this</p> <p>12 was not a problem?</p> <p>13 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>14 A No, I did not question it.</p> <p>15 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>16 Q You have a law degree, correct?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q And how many years have you been in</p> <p>19 business?</p> <p>20 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>21 A I graduated law school in 2007.</p> <p>22 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>23 Q And have been working in the fund industry</p> <p>24 since then?</p> <p>25 A No.</p>	<p>287</p> <p>1 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>2 Q And you've seen estimates that the CLO</p> <p>3 assets that were transferred were worth tens of</p> <p>4 millions of dollars, correct?</p> <p>5 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>6 A Again, I don't -- I don't recall what</p> <p>7 value was attributed by valuation to the CLO</p> <p>8 assets, but I know there were CLO assets.</p> <p>9 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>10 Q Did it make sense to you at the time that</p> <p>11 Sentinel was going to receive 11 million in cash</p> <p>12 plus the CLO assets to satisfy a premium</p> <p>13 obligation of \$25 million?</p> <p>14 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>15 A I'm sorry, the question was did it seem --</p> <p>16 can you repeat that, please?</p> <p>17 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>18 Q Did it make sense to you that to satisfy a</p> <p>19 \$25 million premium, Sentinel was going to receive</p> <p>20 \$11 million in cash and all those CLO assets on</p> <p>21 that schedule?</p> <p>22 MS. DANDENEAU: Same objection.</p> <p>23 A I understood what the transaction was to</p> <p>24 be. So, yes, I understood that was a portion of</p> <p>25 it.</p>
<p>286</p> <p>1 Q With respect to the policy itself, the</p> <p>2 premium was 25 million, correct?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q And the coverage was 100 million, correct?</p> <p>5 A I believe that's right, in 2017, yes.</p> <p>6 Q And you've seen documents today that show</p> <p>7 that approximately 11 million in cash and then</p> <p>8 various forms of securities and CLO assets was</p> <p>9 transferred to Sentinel to pay the premium,</p> <p>10 correct?</p> <p>11 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>12 A It's been a long day. I know I saw</p> <p>13 schedules of assets and a portion of that was</p> <p>14 cash. I don't know what the exact numbers were.</p> <p>15 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>16 Q But is it consistent with your</p> <p>17 understanding of the transaction having</p> <p>18 participated in it, that Highland -- that assets</p> <p>19 were transferred to Sentinel, including cash and a</p> <p>20 substantial amount of CLO assets from the funds?</p> <p>21 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>22 A I don't know if I would say a substantial</p> <p>23 amount of CLO assets. I would agree that assets</p> <p>24 were transferred, including cash and CLOs.</p> <p>25</p>	<p>288</p> <p>1 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>2 Q Right. And did it strike you as strange</p> <p>3 or inappropriate or improper that Highland -- that</p> <p>4 Sentinel was receiving all those assets in</p> <p>5 exchange for a \$25 million premium obligation?</p> <p>6 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>7 A I wouldn't say that I thought it was</p> <p>8 strange or -- is inappropriate the second word you</p> <p>9 used? I wouldn't say that I thought it was</p> <p>10 strange or inappropriate. I left the approval and</p> <p>11 propriety of the matter to others above my rank, I</p> <p>12 guess.</p> <p>13 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>14 Q Did it seem to you, though, that there was</p> <p>15 an imbalance between the premium payment and the</p> <p>16 amount of assets that Sentinel was receiving from</p> <p>17 the funds?</p> <p>18 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>19 A I didn't think of it that way, as far as</p> <p>20 an imbalance. That's not how I thought of it.</p> <p>21 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>22 Q No, but I'm thinking that way and I asked</p> <p>23 you the question. Do you see that -- my point,</p> <p>24 that there's an imbalance between a \$25 million</p> <p>25 premium payment and the receipt by Sentinel of</p>

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<p>289</p> <p>1 11 million in cash and that whole list of CLO 2 assets? 3 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 4 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 5 Q You can answer. 6 A No, I don't disagree as to the imbalance. 7 The inputs or the -- the data inputs that I would 8 have been considering would have been from the 9 actuaries, the Highland team and outside counsel. 10 You know, whether the face amount of the policy, 11 et cetera, were appropriate or whether there was 12 an imbalance wasn't within what I was asking -- 13 being asked to do or opine on. 14 Q Yes. But do you believe that the CLO 15 assets that were on the schedule to the purchase 16 agreement were worth less than \$15 million? 17 A Again, I don't know what valuation 18 methodology would be used in an insurance context 19 or at the Highland context. I'm certainly not an 20 expert on that. I -- I wouldn't weigh in on that 21 because I know there are several different ways to 22 value securities like CLOs. That's not something 23 I've ever been asked to do. 24 Q You saw documents at the time, did you 25 not, that showed that those assets were worth tens</p>	<p>291</p> <p>1 understand. 2 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 3 Q Do you think it makes business sense to 4 pay tens of millions of dollars for an insurance 5 policy that provides \$100 million of coverage? 6 MS. DANDENEAU: I'm going to object, by 7 the way, because -- as to relevance as well as 8 form, because the propriety of the transaction is, 9 to my knowledge, not at issue in the current 10 litigation between UBS and the debtor. And that's 11 not part of the relief that's being sought. 12 And so you can keep asking him what he 13 thinks and his opinions. He's told you he's not 14 qualified to give that opinion, but it's not 15 only -- I mean, it's just not a relevant question. 16 Again, you want to spend the rest of the 17 time in this deposition -- allotted to this 18 deposition asking him these irrelevant questions, 19 that's, I guess, your prerogative and 20 Ms. Tomkowiak's prerogative. 21 MR. FEINSTEIN: Irrelevance is not an 22 appropriate objection in a deposition. 23 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 24 Q Can you answer my question, please? 25 A Will you please repeat it?</p>
<p>290</p> <p>1 of millions of dollars, correct? 2 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 3 A I saw valuation -- I saw value -- I saw 4 spreadsheets with valuation conclusions as to 5 assets. I didn't know what valuation methodology 6 was being used for those versus in an insurance 7 context. So again, the idea of an imbalance 8 wasn't within my -- within my workflow or what I 9 was being asked to opine on. 10 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 11 Q When you say -- use the words in an 12 insurance context, do you think that the value of 13 the assets transferred to satisfy a premium 14 payment are -- should be treated specially because 15 they're being transferred to pay for an insurance 16 policy? 17 MS. DANDENEAU: Object to the form. 18 A I'm not saying that. I'm not purporting 19 to be an insurance expert by any means. I'm just 20 acknowledging that there's several ways to value 21 securities and I am an expert as to none of them. 22 And so I hesitate, I shun this idea that I would 23 come up with some sort of conclusion that there 24 was an imbalance, because I acknowledge there are 25 valuation methodologies that frankly I don't</p>	<p>292</p> <p>1 Q Do you think it's appropriate as a 2 business matter to pay tens of millions of dollars 3 for an insurance policy with \$100 million of 4 coverage? 5 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 6 A I think it depends on risk and a number 7 of -- a number of other considerations. Again, I 8 was not qualified -- I was not qualified or asked 9 to provide my input as to the business sense or 10 the business rationale. I wasn't qualified to do 11 that nor was I asked. So I unfortunately don't 12 have a developed view as to that point, or some 13 sort of a conclusion that what you're describing 14 is patently uncommercial. 15 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 16 Q Did you ever ask Mr. Dondero or 17 Mr. Ellington in words or substance, why are you 18 paying so much in the way of assets and cash to 19 satisfy a \$25 million insurance premium? 20 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 21 A I don't remember asking them that 22 question, as you've phrased it. 23 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 24 Q Do you recall any discussions with either 25 of them about the amount of the premium relevant</p>

<p>293</p> <p>1 to the amount of assets that were being 2 transferred to satisfy? 3 A I remember discussing with them all -- all 4 material terms, including those and including the 5 other terms of the policy. 6 Q And in those discussions, was there 7 anything more -- any substantive discussion of the 8 relevant value of the assets being transferred to 9 Sentinel and the amount of the premium obligation? 10 A We certainly covered those topics. Again, 11 I can't quote as to what was said, but we 12 certainly covered those topics and I was not asked 13 about the propriety or impropriety of the 14 transaction. 15 Q But did it strike you as puzzling, that to 16 satisfy a \$25 million premium obligation, the 17 funds were going to hand over 11 million in cash 18 and securities and CLO assets that potentially 19 were worth substantially more than 14 million, 20 which would have been the balance due to satisfy 21 the premium obligation? 22 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 23 A Again, I wouldn't use the word puzzling. 24 I didn't -- I wouldn't say that I felt puzzled by 25 it. What I did have in mind was that it was an</p>	<p>295</p> <p>1 A As well as others. 2 Q Can you tell me to your best recollection, 3 what you and Mr. Surgent discussed on this topic? 4 A The potential conflicts of interest and 5 other compliance issues that would otherwise 6 disqualify this transaction from being 7 appropriate. 8 Q Why would there be a conflict of interest? 9 A As you had indicated, there was a 10 question, among many, with respect to 11 Mr. Dondero's control of Highland and his 12 beneficial -- beneficial interest in the insurance 13 company and that certainly gave rise to compliance 14 scrutiny. 15 Q Your testimony is that Surgent said it was 16 okay and that ended the matter, right? 17 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 18 A I don't think that's what I said. 19 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 20 Q Well, did you push back on Surgent's 21 advice that this was not a compliance problem? 22 A Again, I don't want to characterize what 23 he said as this is not a compliance problem. I 24 will submit that there was compliance approval, in 25 my mind, of the transaction. Did I push back on</p>
<p>294</p> <p>1 obligation on the part of the insurance company to 2 pay cash and it was being paid with something 3 other than cash. So no, I didn't think that was 4 particularly puzzling. 5 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 6 Q Did you ever have any one-on-one 7 discussions with Surgent about the insurance 8 policy and the transfer of assets? 9 A One-on-one, meaning just he and I? 10 Q Yes. 11 A I don't -- I'm sure we did. I can't point 12 to a specific date. And the meetings that I 13 recall had others in attendance. 14 Q Well, did you ever probe with Mr. Surgent 15 compliance determinations that there was no 16 affiliated party transaction involved and that the 17 Sentinel transaction was okay from a compliance 18 standpoint, just you and him? 19 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 20 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 21 Q You can answer. 22 A I wouldn't call it probing, but I would 23 say that we had fulsome conversations about these 24 matters. 25 Q You and he, you and Mr. Surgent?</p>	<p>296</p> <p>1 that or push back on that conclusion? No, I did 2 not. 3 Q You said before, that nobody ever asked 4 you to restrict your discussion about the Sentinel 5 policy or the transfer of assets, correct? 6 A Yes. 7 Q There was that one e-mail at the beginning 8 that said all these documents that are being 9 prepared are attorney-client privilege. You 10 recall seeing that e-mail today? 11 A I do recall that. 12 Q Did that e-mail raise a red flag to you 13 that this transaction was different somehow or 14 questionable? 15 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 16 A I don't think it did. 17 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 18 Q Did you ever discuss the assets that 19 remained in SOHC and CDO fund with Mr. Seery last 20 year? 21 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. 22 A No. 23 BY MR. FEINSTEIN: 24 Q I just need a minute to look at my notes. 25 Would it have made more sense to you to</p>

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<p>297</p> <p>1 satisfy the premium obligation by using the</p> <p>2 \$11 million in cash that was transferred to</p> <p>3 Sentinel and liquidating a CLO asset to generate</p> <p>4 another 14 million instead of transferring all</p> <p>5 those CLO assets?</p> <p>6 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>7 A I don't know -- no, I don't -- I would</p> <p>8 have not thought of that as an option. I don't</p> <p>9 know what the marketability of them were -- of the</p> <p>10 securities were. I didn't dive into any of that.</p> <p>11 So I don't know -- I don't know if -- you started</p> <p>12 your question, did I think it was reasonable or</p> <p>13 did I think it would be a better idea to have done</p> <p>14 that. It's not an analysis I performed or was</p> <p>15 asked to perform.</p> <p>16 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>17 Q Do you know whether the transaction</p> <p>18 documents with Sentinel obligates Sentinel to</p> <p>19 return money to the insureds to the extent that</p> <p>20 the CLO assets it received are liquidated and</p> <p>21 generate cash in excess of \$14 million?</p> <p>22 A I don't know. I'd have to review it and</p> <p>23 probably want outside counsel to give that</p> <p>24 opinion. I don't know.</p> <p>25 Q Well, you're a lawyer and you worked on</p>	<p>299</p> <p>1 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>2 Q But if Highland was going to buy a piece</p> <p>3 of real estate for \$25 million, isn't the analysis</p> <p>4 the same, that we're going to transfer either</p> <p>5 25 million in cash or we're going to transfer</p> <p>6 11 million in cash and a bunch of securities?</p> <p>7 It's a valuation issue, isn't it?</p> <p>8 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form. And I</p> <p>9 think you're really straying into argumentative at</p> <p>10 this point.</p> <p>11 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>12 Q You can answer.</p> <p>13 A I understand your analogy, sir. I'm not</p> <p>14 able to agree with your way in. That's outside of</p> <p>15 my work.</p> <p>16 Q Which part of my question don't you</p> <p>17 understand? It's a simple question.</p> <p>18 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>19 A I didn't say I didn't understand it. I</p> <p>20 just said I'm not -- I understand your analogy.</p> <p>21 I'm just not willing to agree or disagree. There</p> <p>22 are questions as to liquidity of the securities.</p> <p>23 There are questions of when the cash is needed,</p> <p>24 what the risk of the investment -- I mean, there</p> <p>25 are so many variables, I think it's unfair to ask</p>
<p>298</p> <p>1 the transaction documents. Do you recall anything</p> <p>2 in the documents that obligate a rebate, if you</p> <p>3 will, to the funds if the CLO assets were sold for</p> <p>4 more than what was needed to satisfy the premium</p> <p>5 obligation?</p> <p>6 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection, asked and</p> <p>7 answered.</p> <p>8 A I don't recall that being a provision. I</p> <p>9 would have to -- but I haven't committed the</p> <p>10 document to memory, so I don't want to --</p> <p>11 BY MR. FEINSTEIN:</p> <p>12 Q To the extent that that was not a</p> <p>13 provision and you worked on the transaction, did</p> <p>14 you ever suggest to anyone at Highland that such a</p> <p>15 provision be sought, given the value of the assets</p> <p>16 being transferred?</p> <p>17 A I did not -- I did not tell anyone at</p> <p>18 Highland that. I did not say -- I did not say</p> <p>19 that to anyone at Highland. Sorry.</p> <p>20 Q Did you think about it at the time?</p> <p>21 MS. DANDENEAU: Objection to form.</p> <p>22 A Candidly, insurance was not my bailiwick.</p> <p>23 I relied on the subject matter experts to know</p> <p>24 what was reasonable and feasible.</p> <p>25</p>	<p>300</p> <p>1 me to agree with a very simple premise like that.</p> <p>2 MR. FEINSTEIN: I have no further</p> <p>3 questions.</p> <p>4 MS. SMITH: I'm ready.</p> <p>5 FURTHER EXAMINATION</p> <p>6 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>7 Q Okay. Mr. Sevilla, I just have some</p> <p>8 cleanup questions. Do you know whether Sentinel</p> <p>9 was a managed fund?</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>11 A Managed fund. Can you be a little more</p> <p>12 specific? What do you mean by managed fund?</p> <p>13 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>14 Q Is that a term that you -- that was used</p> <p>15 at Highland?</p> <p>16 A Yeah, I mean, generally, the concept of a</p> <p>17 fund managed by Highland.</p> <p>18 Q Would you consider Sentinel to be a fund</p> <p>19 managed by Highland?</p> <p>20 A I never considered it that way.</p> <p>21 Q When the funds purchased the policy from</p> <p>22 Sentinel, did you think that they were buying</p> <p>23 coverage in the event that there was legal</p> <p>24 liability to UBS in the state court action?</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p>

<p>301</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>3 Q And there's no question that before you</p> <p>4 left Highland, you were personally aware of the</p> <p>5 \$1 billion judgment in UBS's favor against the</p> <p>6 funds; is that right?</p> <p>7 A I had become aware of it before I left</p> <p>8 Highland.</p> <p>9 Q You testified earlier today and in</p> <p>10 response to the debtor's questions, that at this</p> <p>11 meeting that occurred in the conference room, the</p> <p>12 conflict of interest was one compliance question</p> <p>13 among many. What were the other compliance</p> <p>14 questions?</p> <p>15 A Suitability of the funds to -- and</p> <p>16 wherewithal to purchase the -- or enter into the</p> <p>17 insurance policy. Where the fund -- where the --</p> <p>18 where the assets -- how Sentinel would hold the</p> <p>19 assets and whether that was acceptable. But, you</p> <p>20 know, I think of compliance approval and I think</p> <p>21 of a whole bevy of -- a whole bevy of issues, some</p> <p>22 of which involve conflicts of interest, some of</p> <p>23 which involve, you know, an ability of a fund to</p> <p>24 enter into a given investment or transaction,</p> <p>25 things of that nature.</p>	<p>303</p> <p>1 compliance review sort of apogee.</p> <p>2 Q Who reached that conclusion?</p> <p>3 A The chief compliance officer.</p> <p>4 Q Mr. Surgent?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q Anybody else?</p> <p>7 A Compliance was the only -- at least as far</p> <p>8 as I know, compliance was being asked to weigh in</p> <p>9 on these questions.</p> <p>10 Q And what about the issue of whether the</p> <p>11 insurance company was a bona fide counterparty?</p> <p>12 Was there any conclusion reached with respect to</p> <p>13 that issue?</p> <p>14 A I think the answer was, yes, that it was.</p> <p>15 Q And who reached that conclusion?</p> <p>16 A I think for some of the securities, I</p> <p>17 think it ultimately would have been approved by</p> <p>18 Mr. Surgent, but I think there was a question as</p> <p>19 to some of the securities that involved Mr. Post</p> <p>20 weighing in, but I would consider it having been</p> <p>21 approved by compliance versus one person or</p> <p>22 another.</p> <p>23 Q So whether or not Sentinel was a bona fide</p> <p>24 counterparty depended on the -- depended on the</p> <p>25 securities being transferred to Sentinel? I'm</p>
<p>302</p> <p>1 Q Other than the two issues that you</p> <p>2 mentioned, and I want to talk about each of them,</p> <p>3 are there any other compliance issues that you</p> <p>4 recall being raised during that meeting?</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>6 A I think the appropriateness of the</p> <p>7 transaction on a holistic level. I believe that</p> <p>8 was part of the compliance review and approval</p> <p>9 ultimately.</p> <p>10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>11 Q Anything else?</p> <p>12 A That's what I can think of now.</p> <p>13 Q What do you mean by suitability and</p> <p>14 wherewithal to purchase?</p> <p>15 A It involves a lawsuit. Is the lawsuit</p> <p>16 active and alive? Is the insurance company a bona</p> <p>17 fide counterparty? Things like that.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. And were any conclusions reached</p> <p>19 about whether the lawsuit was active and alive?</p> <p>20 A I believe the answer is yes, it was.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And do you recall that conclusion</p> <p>22 being reached during that meeting?</p> <p>23 A I remember that conclusion being reached.</p> <p>24 I don't necessarily know whether it was during</p> <p>25 that meeting or subsequent meetings, in the</p>	<p>304</p> <p>1 confused by that.</p> <p>2 A Whether Sentinel was qualified to take</p> <p>3 ownership of certain securities, is what I mean.</p> <p>4 Q I see. Was Mr. Post a Highland employee</p> <p>5 at this time?</p> <p>6 A I believe so.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. And so with what securities do you</p> <p>8 believe he would have weighed in on?</p> <p>9 A I think there were some questions as to</p> <p>10 interval funds. I don't have more specific</p> <p>11 recollection than that.</p> <p>12 Q What's an interval fund?</p> <p>13 A A fund where the -- as I understand it,</p> <p>14 the redemption period is -- it's fixed by length</p> <p>15 of time. So it could be quarterly, it could be</p> <p>16 yearly, but there's an interval in which the</p> <p>17 investor can be redeemed, as far as I understand,</p> <p>18 and that's a very rudimentary sort of</p> <p>19 understanding of it.</p> <p>20 Q And were any conclusions reached at the</p> <p>21 meeting as to whether or not Sentinel could, in</p> <p>22 fact, take ownership of all of the assets that</p> <p>23 were contemplated being transferred to Sentinel?</p> <p>24 A I think that would have been subsequent to</p> <p>25 the larger meeting.</p>

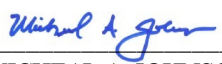
<p>305</p> <p>1 Q Okay. And when do you -- well, first of 2 all, was that conclusion, in fact, reached? 3 A Yes. 4 Q And when was that conclusion reached? 5 A Over the course of August, I would say. I 6 don't have an exact date. 7 Q Who reached that conclusion? 8 A Again, the compliance group, Mr. Fuentes, 9 I think was asked or weighed in, but, yeah, I -- I 10 can't point to a specific individual. I just 11 considered it a compliance-approved component to 12 the transaction. 13 Q Okay. And Mr. Fuentes, was he employed by 14 Highland or NexBank at this time? 15 A I don't know. 16 Q You don't know. Okay. But you recall him 17 being involved in discussions regarding the assets 18 that were being transferred to Sentinel? 19 A I recall he had to weigh in on certain -- 20 on certain assets. 21 Q Okay. Did those assets relate to NexBank; 22 do you recall? 23 A NexBank? 24 Q Yeah. 25 A No, I don't think anything related to</p>	<p>307</p> <p>1 different Highland touchpoints I previously 2 mentioned. 3 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 4 Q So did the legal department have no role 5 in that? 6 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 7 A No, I would say legal -- yeah, I -- the 8 legal department would have an approval component, 9 sure. 10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 11 Q And would that be Mr. Ellington? 12 A Mr. Ellington and Mr. Surgent. 13 Mr. Surgent -- both of them, I think, as GC and 14 deputy GC. 15 Q And I spoke earlier about NexBank. What 16 about NexPoint? Do you recall if any of NexPoint 17 securities were involved? 18 A I think so. I don't recall directly, but 19 I think so. 20 Q Okay. And again, during this conversation 21 or these series of conversations about the 22 appropriateness of the transaction at a holistic 23 level and various conflicts of interest issues, 24 was -- Mr. Ellington's ownership interest in 25 Sentinel was never discussed?</p>
<p>306</p> <p>1 NexBank. 2 Q And then you also mentioned that the 3 appropriateness of the transaction on a holistic 4 level was discussed. What do you mean by that? 5 A The transaction was -- the material terms 6 and documentation of the transaction were 7 discussed. Different groups had a chance to weigh 8 in, and my understanding was that the conclusion 9 was that it was appropriate, feasible, complied 10 with compliance regulations, the Highland 11 compliance handbook, any other kind of governing 12 regime at Highland. 13 Q So between Mr. Surgent, Mr. Stoops, you 14 and Mr. Ellington, the conclusion was reached that 15 this transaction complied with any other type of 16 governing regiment at Highland; is that what you 17 meant to say? 18 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 19 A No, I wasn't asked to weigh in on 20 compliance matters or feasibility of the trade or 21 any of those matters. What I would say is, 22 between that meeting and the subsequent -- and 23 meetings subsequent to that, the transaction was 24 approved from a compliance perspective, tax, 25 accounting, trading and settlement, all the</p>	<p>308</p> <p>1 MS. SMITH: Objection to form. 2 A I have no doubt that it was discussed. I 3 just don't remember it creating a conflict of 4 interest question or issue. 5 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK: 6 Q And when you say you have no doubt that it 7 was discussed, do you believe that it was 8 discussed during the July 2017 meeting that you 9 talked about? 10 A I don't know necessarily if it was 11 discussed then. Again, it wasn't a compliance -- 12 I don't think it gave rise to a compliance issue, 13 but in discussing the transaction and Sentinel, it 14 certainly came up. I just don't think it created 15 a compliance -- a compliance issue that needed to 16 be analyzed or resolved. 17 Q Did Mr. Ellington ever recuse himself from 18 any of these conversations? 19 A Not that I recall. 20 Q You testified that after the independent 21 board took over, your plate was full and you 22 didn't think that it was your responsibility to 23 bring this policy to their attention. Do you 24 remember that? Do you remember that testimony? 25 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p>

<p>309</p> <p>1 A I remember testimony to that effect.</p> <p>2 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>3 Q Okay. Did you assume that somebody else</p> <p>4 would bring it to their attention?</p> <p>5 A My assumption solely was that other --</p> <p>6 other colleagues were working on these different</p> <p>7 litigation matters and working with the</p> <p>8 independent board and the Pachulski firm about</p> <p>9 these matters. I -- the only assumption I had is</p> <p>10 that all of those people were working together and</p> <p>11 working effectively together.</p> <p>12 Q Do you think any of those colleagues had a</p> <p>13 duty to bring the UBS policy to the board's</p> <p>14 attention?</p> <p>15 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>16 A I don't know what was asked, what</p> <p>17 discussions they had or otherwise. I really can't</p> <p>18 opine.</p> <p>19 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>20 Q Okay. And you didn't have an assumption</p> <p>21 one way or the other that somebody was going to</p> <p>22 bring that to the board's attention?</p> <p>23 A Again, my only assumption was that very</p> <p>24 qualified people were working with the Pachulski</p> <p>25 firm and the independent board on these matters.</p>	<p>311</p> <p>1 would be affiliates?</p> <p>2 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>3 A That I would use -- can you be a little</p> <p>4 more specific?</p> <p>5 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>6 Q That you would use in your capacity as a</p> <p>7 lawyer. Is there any definition of affiliates</p> <p>8 under which Highland and Sentinel would be</p> <p>9 affiliates?</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>11 A The only legal term of art I know of is</p> <p>12 this concept that affiliates are entities under</p> <p>13 common control, which I think derives from the</p> <p>14 securities laws. Applying that definition, I</p> <p>15 would say that they're not.</p> <p>16 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>17 Q And how do you reach that conclusion?</p> <p>18 A Because I don't think they're under common</p> <p>19 control.</p> <p>20 Q Why don't you think they're under common</p> <p>21 control?</p> <p>22 A They're controlled by two different sets</p> <p>23 of people.</p> <p>24 Q And it doesn't matter if those two</p> <p>25 different sets of people have any overlap?</p>
<p>310</p> <p>1 These weren't matters I was working on. And that</p> <p>2 they were effectively being handled, worked on,</p> <p>3 addressed and resolved.</p> <p>4 Q So as Highland's assistant general counsel</p> <p>5 at the time that the policy was entered into, were</p> <p>6 Highland and Sentinel affiliated entities?</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>8 A I think the compliance conclusion is that</p> <p>9 they were not affiliates.</p> <p>10 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>11 Q Did you have a conclusion as to whether or</p> <p>12 not they were affiliates?</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>14 A I was not asked nor was that -- nor would</p> <p>15 it have mattered what -- my view. Compliance's</p> <p>16 perspective was the one that counted.</p> <p>17 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>18 Q Okay. But did you have a view?</p> <p>19 A I deferred and agreed to compliance. I</p> <p>20 didn't have reason to think they were wrong or</p> <p>21 they had missed something.</p> <p>22 Q Do you still hold that belief today?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q Is there any definition of affiliates that</p> <p>25 you would use under which Highland and Sentinel</p>	<p>312</p> <p>1 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>2 A Those two sets of people have any overlap.</p> <p>3 What do you mean by that?</p> <p>4 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>5 Q Well, you said that they're controlled by</p> <p>6 two different sets of people, right?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q And those two different sets of people</p> <p>9 included at least, at some point in time,</p> <p>10 Mr. Dondero, correct?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q And that doesn't change your analysis as</p> <p>13 to whether they're controlled -- they're under</p> <p>14 common control; is that right?</p> <p>15 A Right.</p> <p>16 Q I'm going to hand you what we will mark as</p> <p>17 Exhibit --</p> <p>18 A 66.</p> <p>19 Q -- 66; is that right?</p> <p>20 (Deposition Exhibit 66 marked for</p> <p>21 identification.)</p> <p>22 A Okay.</p> <p>23 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>24 Q Mr. Sevilla, is this the document that you</p> <p>25 found in your Gmail that you produced to us?</p>

<p>313</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q I think you testified earlier that you</p> <p>3 didn't typically use your Gmail -- well, that you</p> <p>4 didn't use your Gmail for work purposes. Do you</p> <p>5 know why you're forwarding this particular e-mail</p> <p>6 to your Gmail?</p> <p>7 A I believe the file was corrupted and I was</p> <p>8 resending it to myself to try and open it with a</p> <p>9 different program. That's vaguely my</p> <p>10 recollection. But it was certainly an aberration</p> <p>11 to do that. That's not something I did.</p> <p>12 Q So as far as you can recall, you would</p> <p>13 forward items to your personal e-mail if you were</p> <p>14 having some type of technological issue?</p> <p>15 A No. I think this was a one-time thing.</p> <p>16 It's not something I did.</p> <p>17 Q And this e-mail reflects that Sentinel is</p> <p>18 investing in the Sequoia fund that you mentioned</p> <p>19 earlier, right?</p> <p>20 A I think that's what it was called. The</p> <p>21 gold fund or whatever the --</p> <p>22 MS. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>23 A I don't remember the formal name. Sequoia</p> <p>24 Diversified Growth Fund.</p> <p>25 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p>	<p>315</p> <p>1 wanted to make the investment and it required</p> <p>2 director approval and processing. So I reached</p> <p>3 out to the directors.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. I see. So Mr. Ellington had the</p> <p>5 idea for Sentinel to invest in this fund?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. Do you know why he wanted to invest</p> <p>8 in this fund?</p> <p>9 MS. SMITH: Objection, form.</p> <p>10 A That was not shared with me.</p> <p>11 BY MS. TOMKOWIAK:</p> <p>12 Q He didn't tell you why?</p> <p>13 A I don't recall. I don't recall why.</p> <p>14 Q Well, you write here: Please expedite as</p> <p>15 this is time sensitive.</p> <p>16 Do you recall why it was time sensitive?</p> <p>17 A I don't remember why it would have been</p> <p>18 time sensitive.</p> <p>19 Q Are you aware of any other investments</p> <p>20 like this by Sentinel between 2012 and 2017?</p> <p>21 A Like what?</p> <p>22 Q Like the Sequoia fund. Are there other</p> <p>23 instances where Mr. Ellington came to you and</p> <p>24 asked you to assist with investment on behalf of</p> <p>25 Sentinel?</p>
<p>314</p> <p>1 Q And do you recall anything about that</p> <p>2 fund?</p> <p>3 A It was -- the manager was based in the</p> <p>4 Middle East. It was related to investments in</p> <p>5 gold. It would pay a dividend and Sentinel was in</p> <p>6 the investment for a set period of time, a year or</p> <p>7 maybe 18 months, could have been less, but it</p> <p>8 was -- it was a somewhat nominal investment in</p> <p>9 this gold fund. I didn't really know much else</p> <p>10 about it.</p> <p>11 Q And your e-mail, Friday, May 6, 2016, at</p> <p>12 9 a.m., you mention that Sentinel's funds for this</p> <p>13 investment are already at Noor Capital. Is that a</p> <p>14 financial firm in the Middle East?</p> <p>15 A Noor Capital was the -- yes, it's a</p> <p>16 financial firm in the Middle East. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Do you know why Sentinel wanted to invest</p> <p>18 in gold in the Middle East?</p> <p>19 A I don't know. I don't know why.</p> <p>20 Q Do you know why they reached out to you to</p> <p>21 handle the subscription documents?</p> <p>22 A I'm sorry, who's they?</p> <p>23 Q Christopher Watler, Andrew Dean, Amelia</p> <p>24 Watler.</p> <p>25 A No, I reached out to them. Mr. Ellington</p>	<p>316</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 MS. TOMKOWIAK: Okay. We have no further</p> <p>3 questions. We would just mark this transcript</p> <p>4 confidential and remind everybody that it is</p> <p>5 subject to the confidentiality agreement that we</p> <p>6 looked at earlier, including all of the documents</p> <p>7 that we've reviewed today.</p> <p>8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Anybody else?</p> <p>9 MS. SMITH: No.</p> <p>10 MS. DANDENEAU: No.</p> <p>11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes the</p> <p>12 videotaped deposition of Jean Paul Sevilla. The</p> <p>13 time is 6:32 p.m. We are off the record.</p> <p>14 (Deposition concluded at 6:32 p.m. CDT)</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>

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Conducted on July 21, 2021

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<p>317</p> <p>1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPONENT</p> <p>2 I, JEAN PAUL SEVILLA, do hereby</p> <p>3 acknowledge that I have read and examined the</p> <p>4 foregoing testimony, and the same is a true,</p> <p>5 correct and complete transcription of the</p> <p>6 testimony given by me and any corrections appear</p> <p>7 on the attached Errata sheet signed by me.</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 _____</p> <p>11 (DATE) (SIGNATURE)</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	
<p>318</p> <p>1 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION</p> <p>2 I, Micheal A. Johnson, the officer before</p> <p>3 whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do hereby</p> <p>4 certify that the foregoing transcript is a true</p> <p>5 and correct record of the testimony given; that</p> <p>6 said testimony was taken by me stenographically</p> <p>7 and thereafter reduced to typewriting under my</p> <p>8 direction; that reading and signing was requested;</p> <p>9 and that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor</p> <p>10 employed by any of the parties to this case and</p> <p>11 have no interest, financial or otherwise, in its</p> <p>12 outcome.</p> <p>13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my</p> <p>14 hand this 27th day of July, 2021.</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17 </p> <p>18 MICHEAL A. JOHNSON, RDR, CRR</p> <p>19 NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR</p> <p>20 THE STATE OF TEXAS</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	